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This rustic western tack scene, captured at Winnemucca's 2009 Shooting the West photography symposium, is from Erin and John McComber's ranch home.

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The Cowboy Way

Technically, Cowboy Country territory spans a massive chunk of Northern Nevada. But, let's be honest pardner, we kin purdy dern near call the whole kit and caboodle Cowboy Country, if y'ur talkin' Nevada. That's why we came up with eight ways (and eight seconds) for you to get in touch with your western side in Nevada.



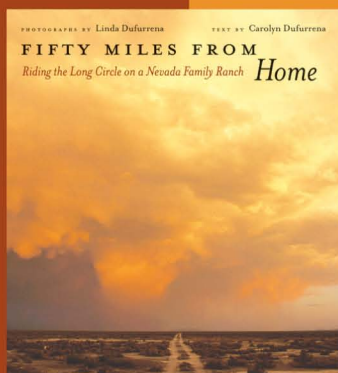
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From Battle Mountain to Winnemucca, the towns in Cowboy Country territory are historic and varied. Take a journey—a mini Tour Around Nevada, if you will—through 14 Northern Nevada burgs, from their origins to what they offer travelers today.

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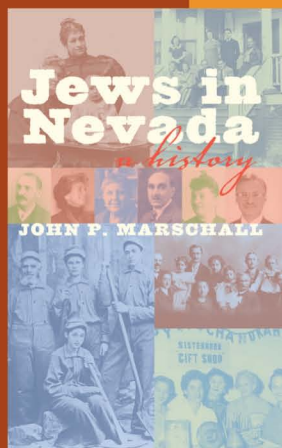
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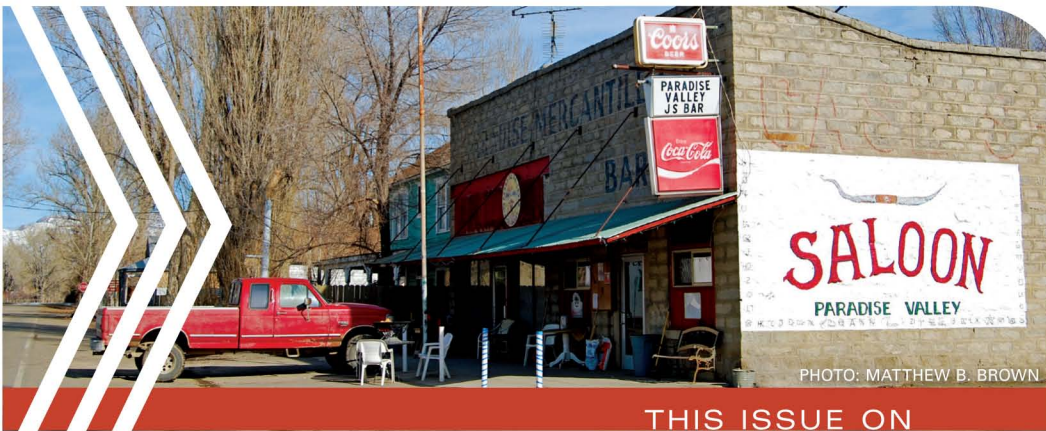
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- ▶ Every Saturday night, the owner of JS Bar in **Paradise Valley** serves up a country-style meal. Visitors are welcome. **By Debbie Lewis**
- ▶ Few people realize that Nevada's show-business legacy started in **1940s Elko**, when Ted Lewis and his jazz band played the Commercial. **By Deep West Radio**
- ▶ Read about the **Elko County** portion of one man's journey to see and document every historical marker in Nevada. **By Paul Sebesta**
- ▶ If you follow this advice, you might be lucky enough to spot a **Himalayan Snowcock** in the Ruby Mountains. **By Jim Boone**
- ▶ AMTRAK's California Zephyr offers Nevadans a charming overnight to **Winnemucca** or a day trip to the **Reno** metro area from the rural outposts. **By Shayne Del Cohen**

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Lisa Farmer: Junior Rodeo with the kids. It's a great learning experience, and they are all tough and cute as heck!—**Facebook** (Lisa's favorite western activity)

UPrailroad: This was just a couple of days right before I went to rail camp there!—**YouTube** (commenting on Nevada Northern Railway video)

ducilla: I have hiked that ridge, and a few good rest stops are necessary!—**Flickr** (commenting on Wheeler Peak photo)

Shaley Eiden: The Star in Elko! I don't think any other steakhouse compares.—**Facebook** (Shaley's favorite restaurant)

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Find an interactive map, descriptions of cities and towns, events, request travel information, and more at Cowboy Country territory's official website.

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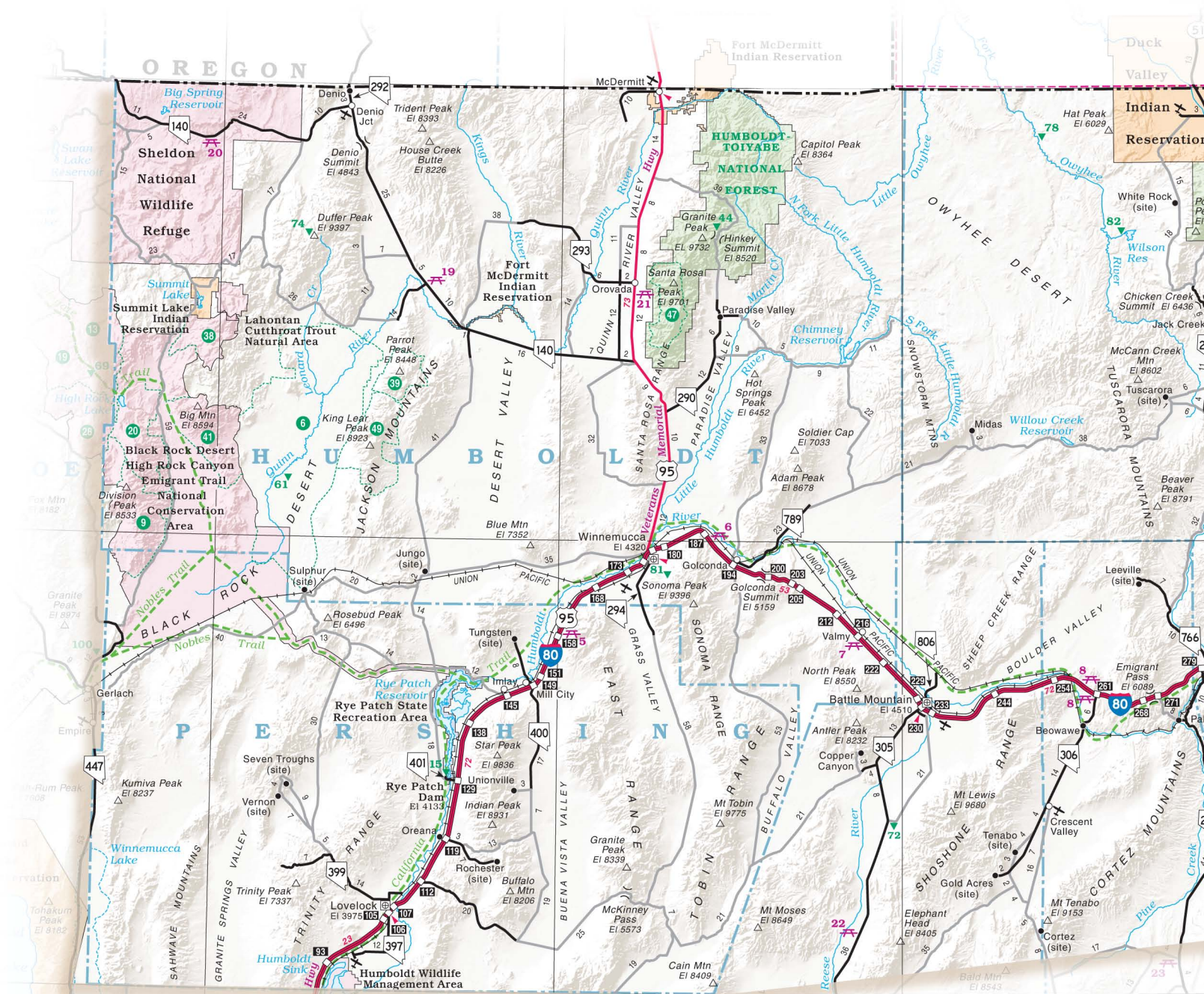
Cowboy Country Territory: Visit our Flickr profile, and click on "Collections," then "Cowboy Country," to see images from our travels in Northern Nevada, including Golconda, Lamoille, Montello, and Mark Twain's former cabin in Unionville.

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75 Years of Covers: 2011 marks *Nevada Magazine's* Diamond Anniversary. Enjoy 75 years (1936-2011) of *Nevada Highways and Parks* and *Nevada Magazine* history by visiting our Flickr profile and clicking on "Collections," then "Cover Images."

FEATURED VIDEOS

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering: Tune into our YouTube channel to enjoy three videos from the January 2011 Gathering in Elko. See the dirt fly when Glenn Ohrlin, Pat Richardson, and Wally McRae take the Western Folklife Center stage, among others.



editor's note

gone rugged

One of our all-time favorite Letters to the Editor arrived in my inbox, subject line "GONE SOFT," in February 2008. The gist of the letter was that the magazine, at the time, did not reflect the ruggedness synonymous with the State of Nevada.

"Nevada Magazine has gone female," reads the most memorable line of the note. Little did the writer know how indelible a stamp his letter would leave on our staff, mainly our wisecracking editorial department. We've even resorted in a tongue-in-cheek



Sam Elliott

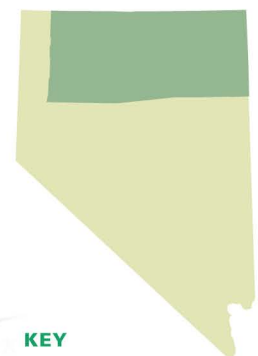
gender, but more of a way of measuring something's toughness.

If something passes the ruggedness test, we simply say, in our best Sam-Elliott-in-"The Big Lebowski"-inspired voice,

way to rating things on a masculinity scale—"masculine" having nothing to do with

"That's masculine." We joke about this fictitious cowboy character eating barbed wire and washing it down with a shot of diesel fuel. In our far-fetched journalistic minds we've essentially created a mascot for rugged Nevada.

Well, this is an issue our imaginary friend and the writer of that 2008 letter would thoroughly enjoy. In it we celebrate the Nevada cowboy—and cowgirl, of course—and the territory named for them: Cowboy Country. From Sheldon



KEY

- Wilderness Areas
- ▼ Recreation Areas
- Scenic Byway

MAP: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Welcome to Cowboy Country Territory!

This edition of *Nevada Magazine* focuses on Cowboy Country territory and follows in the footsteps of the early settlers who traveled across Nevada in wagon trains. Visitors will find Cowboy Country a diverse and fascinating land rich in legends, lore, and customs of the Old West.

Cowboy Country encompasses quaint communities along Interstate 80 and U.S. Highways 93 and 95, from east of Reno to the Oregon and Utah borders. The territory features picturesque mountains, meandering rivers, and glistening lakes; abundant wildlife and wild horses that still run free; Basque and American Indian culture; early settlements; gold mining; and the westerner's rustic way of life.

Whether you are looking to experience a piece of the historic West or enjoy its many first-class restaurants, casinos, and accommodations, Cowboy Country territory is definitely worth seeing! Make your next adventure through Nevada's Cowboy Country a reality, and experience the true West at cowboycountry.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Lester
Cowboy Country Territory Chair

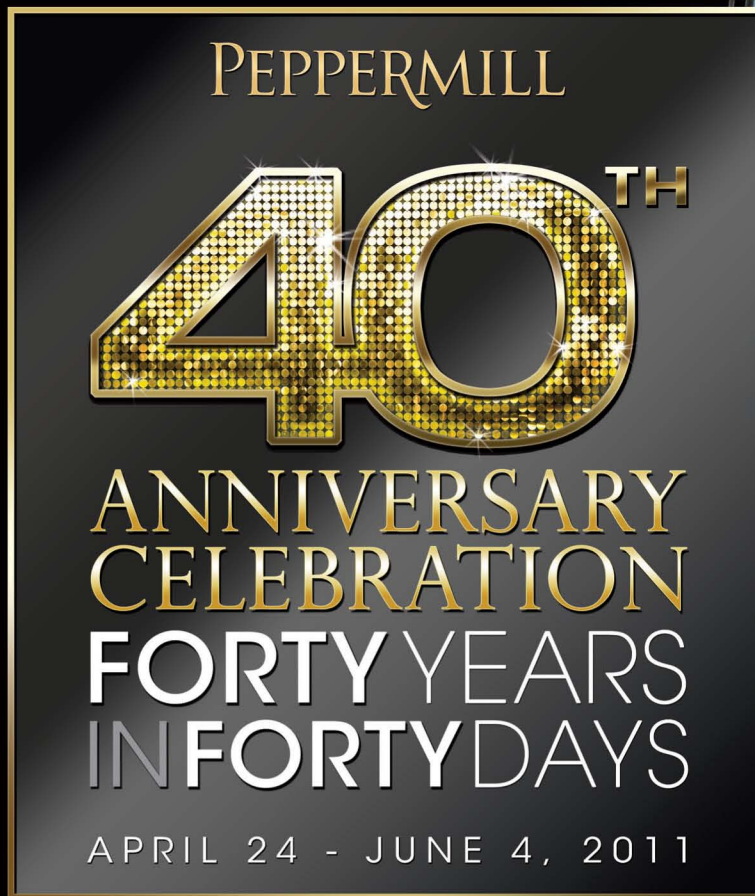
Note: Read this issue's Letters to the Editor at nevadamagazine.com.

National Wildlife Refuge in the western part of the territory to the isolated town of Jarbidge in the east, this terrain is about as "masculine" as it gets.

We'll show you how to explore it and what you'll find in the down-home towns along Northern Nevada's Interstate 80 corridor. We'll delve into Nevada's modern western culture and the many ways you can experience it and take a look back at the Basque sheepherders—speaking of tough—of yesteryear.

Dedicated to the reader who gave us one of our most cherished inside jokes, please enjoy this homage to Nevada's Cowboy Country territory, a continuation of our 75th-anniversary celebration of 2011. And remember that you can order our 191-page 75th-Anniversary Edition at nevadamagazine.com, or by calling 775-687-0603.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor



In 1971, two lifelong friends pooled their ambition and opened a 7,000 sq. ft. coffee shop and lounge with 15 slot machines – the iconic Peppermill Coffee Shop was born! Now, 40 years and 4 expansions later, the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino reflects the vision, perseverance and commitment of four partners to provide an unrivaled resort and gaming destination. And they aren't done yet!

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NEVADA news

◆ After nearly six decades on the Las Vegas Strip, the **Sahara Hotel and Casino** is scheduled to close May 16. “With Las Vegas showing early signs of recovery [from the economic slump], we are confident that we ultimately will find a creative and comprehensive new solution for this historic property,” says SBE Entertainment CEO Sam Nazarian.

◆ One of Northern Nevada and California’s best-loved breakfast and lunch destinations, **Squeeze In**, opened a location in south Reno earlier this year. The restaurant, whose other locations are in north Reno and Truckee, California, has been featured on the *Food Network*’s “Throwdown! With Bobby Flay.” squeezein.com, 775-853-6090

◆ The San Diego-born **Hash House a Go Go** recently opened a new location in Harrah’s Reno. The eatery specializes in “farm fresh food with a twist.” Menu items such as sage-fried chicken and bacon waffles give a good indication of what that “twist” entails. Las Vegas is home to three Hash Houses at Imperial Palace, M Resort, and West Sahara Avenue near Rainbow Boulevard. harrahsreno.com, 775-786-3232

◆ The new luxury air carrier, **LV Air**, plans to start nonstop flights from New York City’s JFK International Airport to Las Vegas in August. Planes will feature first-class amenities for all passengers, including iPad personal movie viewers, direct-to-room baggage service, and flight check-in from partner hotels. flylvairnow.com

◆ The **Whit Hall Interpretive Center** at The Nature Conservancy’s River Fork Ranch in Carson Valley opened this spring. The environmentally friendly center serves as the hub for the ranch’s trail system and provides visitors with information about the Carson River and sustainable living in the region. nature.org/nevada, 775-322-4990

EXHIBIT



PHOTO: WILL DURHAM

Reno Neon

“I had insomnia when I was a kid, and I always felt so lonely when I was the last person awake in the house,” says Will Durham. “I could see the neon of downtown [Reno] out my bedroom window, and it comforted me—the lights meant other people were still awake and made me feel less alone.” Many of the glowing signs of Durham’s youth no longer grace Reno’s skyline, but thanks to his preservation efforts, they will not be lost or forgotten.

“The Light Circus” at The Montage by ST Residential in downtown Reno is Durham’s tribute to the neon art that typified old Nevada.

The exhibit, set for a soft opening in early June and a grand opening to coincide with the month-long Artown on July 1, includes legendary signs from Reno’s past such as the Mapes Hotel cowboys (pictured above) and iconic Nevada Club and Buffalo Bar signs. The exhibit is set to remain open through September, but Durham says, with support from the community, he would like to see it open longer. Such support has already been forthcoming. The nonprofit Sierra Arts Foundation is acting as Durham’s financial sponsor, granting his exhibit (which will include a neon-themed gift shop) nonprofit status, and The Montage’s high-traffic location makes the museum easily accessible. “These signs were designed to grab your attention,” Durham says. “I want to bring that back—I want [the exhibit] to bring some life to this part of downtown.” sierra-arts.org, themontagereno.com

BREWERY

Silver State Suds

If you’re anything like the *Nevada Magazine* editorial staff, you agree that nothing goes better with a juicy Nevada steak than a frosty Nevada brew. Lucky for Nevadans, Steve and Maggie Safford of Angel Creek Ranch and Ruby Mountain Brewing Company concur.

In an attempt to bolster their beef-based income, the couple started the brewing operation in 1994. It paid off. Today, Ruby Mountain Brewing Company’s three varieties (Angel Creek Amber Ale, Bristlecone Brown Porter, and Buckaroo Brew Pale Ale) are among the state’s most award-winning microbrews.

Ruby Mountain brews can be found at grocery, convenience, and liquor stores throughout northern and central Nevada and southern Idaho and are also available on tap at various Elko-area watering holes. To really experience the beer, consider a free tour and tasting at the Clover Valley ranch, six miles south of Wells. rubymountainbrewing.com, 775-752-2337



RESTAURANTS

Elko Eateries Evolve

Residents and visitors “in the know” are well aware of the surprising array of exceptional dining options in Elko. If you don’t fall into either of those categories, consider this your introduction to the gastronomic glory of Nevada’s gold capital.

The Red Lion Hotel & Casino recently unveiled Aspens Bar & Grill, the city’s newest option for fine dining. Menu standouts include the filet mignon-stuffed New Mexico Green Chile appetizer, Certified Angus steaks—try the rib eye—and blue crab-stuffed Chipotle Southwest Shrimp.

redlionhotelelko.com, 800-545-0044



One of Elko’s most popular restaurants—and among the finest sushi establishments in the state—the Flying Fish, is moving to 239 Third Street this summer. Visitors to the new, bigger space can expect the same warm welcome from owners Ed and Merrie O’Donnell and the same top-rate rolls. **775-777-3594**

For another Elko sushi option, check out Kabuki Sushi located on Mountain City Highway. **775-777-3474**

The old Nevada Dinner House is now Luciano’s Bar and Restaurant. Opened in late 2010, the Italian eatery is captained by owner and chef Luc Gerber and his wife, Erin. Luciano’s lunch menu is heavy on Italian sandwiches and entrée salads, and the dinner menu covers the bases from spaghetti and meatballs to oven-roasted halibut. lucianosnv.com, **775-777-1808**

New barbecue restaurants in Elko and Spring Creek boost the area’s comfort food scene. He-Bah’s Family BBQ in downtown Elko offers ribs, chicken, and pulled pork treated with dry rubs and owner Heber Barney’s own sauce. Crawfish nachos are a popular menu item as well. **775-385-8909**

JJ’s BBQ in Spring Creek has been likened to Carolina barbecue (typified by slow-cooked pork and thin, vinegar based sauces) with a Nevada twist.

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GIVING BACK

A Helping Hand for a Disabled Veteran

Near the end of his third deployment to Iraq, Marine Sergeant Kenneth Gray was returning from a sniper reconnaissance mission when a mine exploded under his vehicle. Gray, from the Smith Valley town of Wellington, lost both of his legs in the blast. Back in Nevada, Gray’s home was not equipped to handle his disability—among other things, only one doorway was wide enough for the wheelchair to pass through—and his wife, Kelly, was left to take care of most household responsibilities and their three children.

In March, the nonprofit Homes for Our Troops, the community of Wellington, and general contractor Eureka Builders built Gray a new home. In three days the “build brigade” constructed the handicapped-friendly abode, complete with large door openings, wide hallways, hard-surfaced floors, and a master bathroom with a wheelchair-accessible shower. homesforourtroops.org, 866-787-6677
eurekabuilders.net, **775-882-4042**

HOLLYWOOD

Fanning Sightings

Carson City and Carson Valley were abuzz earlier this year with frequent sightings of actress Dakota Fanning. The teenage star was in the region for the filming of her latest movie “The Motel Life,” based on the 2007 novel by Nevada author Willy Vlautin. The film is set for release in 2012.

THE COWBOY WAY



Presenting eight ways (and eight seconds) to get in touch with your western side in Nevada.





Wayne Hague and a fellow wrangler chase down a calf during a fall roundup and branding at the Haystack Corral in central Nevada.

PHOTO: RUTH ANNE KOCOUR



BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Technically, Cowboy Country territory spans a massive chunk of Northern Nevada, minus a skinny western strip extending north from Reno and Lake Tahoe to the Oregon border. But, let's be honest pardner, we kin purdy dern near call the whole kit and caboodle Cowboy Country, if y'ur talkin' Nevada.

So that's what prompted us to cut this here swell to western culture and make a mash on our buckaroo readers. Now, the next time some dude asks, "What's so cowboy about Nevada?" you won't hang fire or have to beat the devil around the stump.

Instead, you'll be game, and the asker won't get it in the neck and will be dreadful happy with his new fine-as-cream-gravy knowledge of the Silver State.



"SHOOT" A GHOST TOWN

If you're feeling a bit scooped in by this item, don't fret, we're working our way up to the most cowboy thing to do in Nevada. So what does snapping ghost-town photos have to do with cowboys? Where do you suppose the horse wanderers of Nevada's past went to bend an elbow, or the ranchers of yesteryear drove their cattle and tended their stock?

Trust us, if you've never set foot in a ghost town like Hamilton or a vacant corral like Virgin Valley Ranch and listened to nothing but a slight breeze whistling through the sagebrush, you don't yet have a sense of just how rough and hardscrabble these places were.

Imagine, if you can, as many as 20,000 people in the Hamilton area in the late 1800s; today, only a handful of crumbling structures remain. Some hamlets, such as Tuscarora, have cemeteries with headstones nearly as old as Nevada. It's enough to get one humming the tune to "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

SHOOTIN' POINTERS

- Natural lighting is typically optimal at dawn or dusk.
- Consider how to incorporate the elements (clouds and flora, for instance).
- Try different angles (don't just shoot straight on) and some verticals (pretend you are photographing for a magazine cover).
- Experiment with distances; extreme close-ups (see horseshoe above) can make interesting photos.



Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park

WHERE DO I WANDER?

Nevada is riddled with ghost towns—too many to be explored in a lifetime, and too many to list here. Refer to the September/October 2010 issue of *Nevada Magazine*, or search "ghost towns" at nevadamagazine.com, for more isolated suggestions. If you want some of the banks or bars to be open and upright, we suggest visiting "living ghost towns" such as Jarbidge, Paradise Valley, Pioche, Tuscarora, and Virginia City.

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ranging from Basques and Mormons to the post-Civil War cowboys who drove their cattle marathon distances. Following is a simple recipe and some events to start you on the path—or trail—to fetching gold at your local Dutch-oven cook-off.

TRY YOUR HAND

BLACK FOREST CAKE IN A DUTCH OVEN

From nevadawild.blogspot.com

- 1 box Devil's Food Cake mix and its ingredients
- 1 can cherries (whole, not in syrup), drained
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chocolate chips

1. Mix cake according to box directions.
2. Fold in chocolate chips and cherries.
3. Melt butter in Dutch oven. Once oven is greased, pour in cake mix.
4. Follow cooking directions on cake box by placing the appropriate amount of coals over and under the Dutch oven to achieve desired temperatures.
5. Bake until knife inserted in center of cake comes out clean.

Do you have an awesome outdoor recipe? See it featured in the Friends of Nevada Wilderness "Camp Cuisine" series by submitting your recipe to darcy@nevadawilderness.org.

REFLECTIONS

At chuck-wagon cook-offs the menu is usually the same: chicken-fried steak, biscuits, beans, potatoes, and cobbler. Everything is cooked over an open fire pit, and only wood coals can be used for heat,

[Tina] Stallard says. The Dutch ovens sit or hang above the coals, and oven temperature is controlled by the amount of coals used under the oven and on the lid.

"A Dutch Touch"
Nevada Magazine, February 2008

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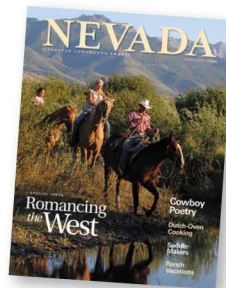


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DISH UP A DUTCH-OVEN DELICACY

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Long before mom and dad had their highfalutin electric oven with its fancy knobs and burners, cookin' on the wagon trail was right done in wide-bellied, cast iron pots called Dutch ovens. While they ain't much to gander at, they are durable and can produce a hearty dish to rival most home-made or restaurant concoctions.

This centuries-old tradition, practiced as early as the 1600s by the original colonists, has survived through generations

**Dutch Oven Society
of Nevada in Las Vegas**

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June 26: Steak Fry at Mount Charleston,
Old Mill Picnic Area
dosn.org
702-877-3301

**May 28-29
Black Rock Rendezvous**

Black Rock Desert
blackrockrendezvous.org
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**Aug. 20
Dutch Oven Cook-Off**

Washoe Lake State Park
parks.nv.gov/wl.htm
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**Sept. 17
Dutch Oven Cook-Off**

Cathedral Gorge State Park
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775-728-4460

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**PURDY UP Y'UR
WARDROBE**

Elko, the unofficial cowboy capital of Nevada, is the place to start for a western shopping spree. The original home of Garcia bits and spurs, J.M. Capriola Company on Commercial Street (above) offers the finest in custom saddles and western wear.

Joe Capriola started the business in 1929, after learning the trade from G.S. Garcia, who arrived in Elko in 1896 and opened his Harness and Saddle Shop soon thereafter. Needless to say, J.M. Capriola is steeped in western tradition, and it shows in the labor-intensive craftsmanship that goes into its custom saddles that fetch as much as \$10,000.



PHOTO: MATTHEW B. BROWN

Only Elko can put a western spin on coffee, as evidenced by Cowboy Joe on Fifth Street. Once you get your cup o' joe, mosey on over to the Western Folklife Center's gift shop on Railroad Street for western doodads, then peruse the gallery's permanent and traveling exhibits. The center also hosts concerts, readings, and workshops. Cedar Creek Clothing on Idaho Street is worth a stop for its unique rustic gear.

Of course Nevada's stock of bits and spurs doesn't end in Elko.

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OUTDRAW THE COMPETITION

When we ponder the Old West, the image of two gunslingers staring each other down on a sun-baked dusty street, hands hovering over their holsters anticipating who will draw first, is one that unequivocally comes to mind.

Well, modern gunslingers have turned the cold-blooded challenge into sport in annual fast-draw competitions in which shooters use wax bullets.

"There's nothing that duplicates the feeling of drawing a single-action revolver out of a holster and making that clean shot," says "Quick" Cal Eilrich, Fernley city councilman and director of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association.

SEE FOR Y'URSELF

May 14-15

Grand National Competition of the Old West

Jean

goldstrikejean.com/grandnational

800-634-1359

June 3-5

Nevada State Championship

Hosted By Sage Hill Reno Rustlers & Great Basin Gun Hawks

Reno

cowboyfastdraw.com

775-575-1802

Sept. 30-Oct. 2

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Fallon

cowboyfastdraw.com

775-575-1802



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A fast-draw competition and gunfight skits are among the many western offerings at Jean's annual Grand National Competition of the Old West (above). The World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship in Fallon (right) also attracts sharpshooters.





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Cowboy poets Pat Richardson, Wally McRae, and Glenn Ohrlin perform in an "Old Bulls" skit at the 2011 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko.



FASHION A COWBOY POEM OR SONG

Who says the bronco-bustin' cowboys and cowgirls of the West don't have a soft side? Those squishy—and oftentimes comedic—personas come out in these family-friendly celebrations of western art and culture featuring lectures, music, poetry, and other educational means of exploring the West.

Having attended two National Cowboy Poetry Gatherings in Elko, I can attest that any westerner at heart should plan to partake in such a celebration at least once. Although famous in cowboy poetry circles, performers such as longtime Nevadan Waddie Mitchell are just as down to earth as the non-lyrical folks and won't hesitate to say "howdy." And when he does, there's

a good chance Mitchell will complement his trademark handlebar mustache with a big-ol' country smile.

Below are three ways to hone your cowboy-poetry skills.

LEARN THE ART

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Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival

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cowboypoetrygenoa.com
775-782-8696

Nov. 4-5

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775-782-9711

Jan. 28-Feb. 4, 2012

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

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BE A DUDE

The 2011 Elko Visitor's Guide sums it up plumb right: Western-style food, entertainment, spectacular scenery, hunting, fishing, pack trips, photography, bird-watching, trail rides, and cattle drives are among the activities ranch vacations have to offer.

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Hidden Canyon Ranch

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Horse-n-Fly Ranch

Monitor Valley
horseflyranch.com
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Jaz Ranch

Lamoille
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Krenka Ranch

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oldyelladogranch.com
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Reds Ranch

Lamoille
helicopterskiing.com
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Ruby Crest Ranch

Spring Creek
elkoguideservice.com
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Sandy Valley Ranch

Sandy Valley
bossladyranch.com
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Seven Mile Canyon Ranch

Virginia City
nevadaduderanch.com
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Soldier Meadows Ranch & Lodge

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soldiermeadows.com
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Spur Cross Ranch

Golconda
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775-752-2120



HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT

There are a handful of cattle drives available in Nevada for the rearing rustler who wants to prove his or her western mettle.

Warning, a cattle drive will cost you a fair bit of dinero—\$1,600 per rider for the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive, for instance—but you won't be able to put a price on the experience. "Not a day goes by that I don't reflect on what an outstanding western experience the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive is," Barbara Nill professes on nevadamagazine.com.

During a spring cattle drive, ranchers push 300 head of cattle through the sagebrush-covered Big Smoky Valley to higher summer pastures in the Toiyabe Range. The Toiyabe Range is visible in background.



PONY UP

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June 12-18

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Nov. 6-12

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TAKE IN A RODEO

Paul Zarzyski,
known today
for his creative,
sometimes

sidesplitting cowboy
poetry, spent 15 years
riding bareback broncs
on various rodeo circuits
including the Professional

Rodeo Cowboys Association. "There are lots of good rodeo hands in this old world and a fair number of good poets," fellow cowboy entertainer Ian Tyson is quoted on codeofthewestentertainment.com. "To find a man who is both is as rare as a wet summer in eastern Montana. Paul Zarzyski knows the jerk of the bareback rigin' and the surge and flow of classic narrative poetry in the Masfield tradition."

Tyson's words, and Zarzyski's career path, remind us that these cowboy pastimes are not individual or selective. Rather, they weave together to form the fabric of our western culture, which is alive and well in the Silver State.

Attending a Nevada rodeo is a surefire way to appreciate that culture.



Silver State Stampede, Elko

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SADDLE UP

Apr. 30-May 1

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winnemucca.com
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Las Vegas
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rodeo.html](http://elkshelldorado.com/rodeo.html)
702-870-1221

May 13-15

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Fallon
fallontourism.com
775-423-7093

May 28-30

Senior Pro Rodeo

Wells
wellsnevada.com
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June 1-3

National Senior Pro

Rodeo

Elko
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775-738-4091

June 16-19

Nevada State High School Rodeo

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-385-5374

June 16-25

Reno Rodeo

Reno



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renorodeo.com
800-225-2277

July 4-9
Silver State International Rodeo

Winnemucca
ssir.us
800-962-2638

July 7-9
Silver State Stampede

Elko
silverstatestampede.com
775-397-2275

July 9-10
Rocky Mountain Professional Association Rodeo

Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

Aug. 4-6
Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo

Panaca
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

Aug. 5-7

Oasis Stampede & Country Fair

Fallon
fallontourism.com
775-423-5121

Aug. 11-14
Eureka County Fair & Rodeo

Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6026

Sept. 24-25
Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo

Fallon
fallontourism.com
775-867-2115

Nov. 8-12
Indian National Finals Rodeo 2011

Las Vegas
southpointeventscenter.com
702-797-8005

Dec. 1-10
National Finals Rodeo

Las Vegas
nfr-lasvegas.com
800-506-3048

March 2012
Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo

Winnemucca
ranchrodeonv.com
800-962-2638

March/April 2012
River Stampede PRCA Rodeo

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800-227-5245

April 2012
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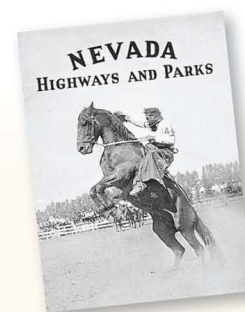
April 2012
SCA Ranch Rodeo

Spring Creek
springcreeknv.net
775-753-6295

April 2012
Xtreme Bulls

Laughlin
rodeolaughlin.com
800-227-5245

The future of Nevada rodeo sits on a gate watching the action at the 2009 Silver State Stampede, held annually at the Elko County Fairgrounds. A calf-roping competitor is shown at the same event on the preceding page. The Silver State Stampede, started in 1913, claims to be the oldest rodeo in Nevada.



REFLECTIONS

"Ride 'im Cowboy! Hold 'im Cowboy!" That's the spontaneous and infectious yell which surges from the colorful crowds packing the stands at Nevada rodeos. These encouraging outbursts are delightful music to the ears of the gaunt, wind-tanned buckaroo trying his luck at staying in the saddle on a "bucking bronc" imitating a live volcano in fiery action.

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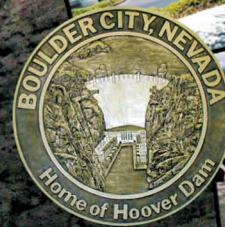
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BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

For as long as Nevada has been a state and even prior to that, Northern Nevada has been integral in conveying people, products, and progress across the country.

The 1840s and '50s brought hundreds of thousands of settlers en route to the California goldfields, and the 1860s brought the first transcontinental railroad. The nation's first coast-to-coast road—the Lincoln Highway—was laid in the early 1900s, the 1920s brought the Victory Highway, and in the 1960s and '70s, Interstate 80—the first interstate to traverse the country—was born.

Off the interstate, the omnipresent rumble of big-rigs and whirl of speeding traffic is replaced by a comforting silence that is uniquely Nevadan. Friendly towns and immense vistas are cradled between towering peaks and the impossibly big skies of Cowboy Country territory.

*SEE MAP ON PAGES 4 & 5 FOR TOWN LOCATIONS.

COWBOY COUNTRY

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Rumors abound concerning the name of Battle Mountain. George Tannihill, who formed a mining district in the area in 1866, told of a battle between emigrants and American Indians

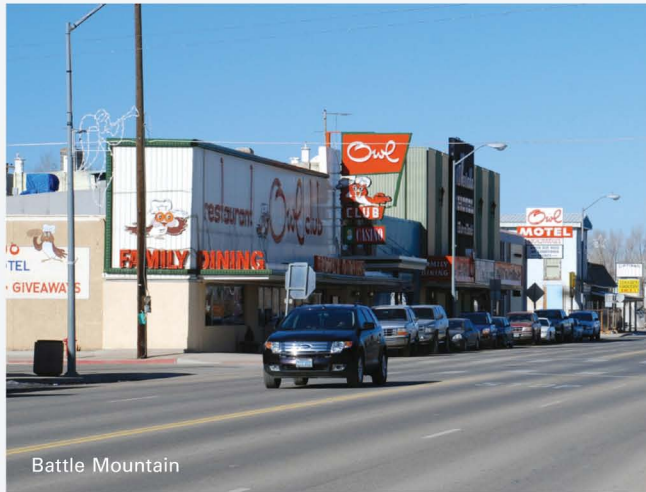


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in 1857, but no records of the skirmish exist, and it is generally believed that Tannihill was lying. Tall tails aside, the town came to be as a station for the Central Pacific Railroad in 1870.

Today, Battle Mountain is among Nevada's most important mining towns. The community of almost 2,800 is the seat of and largest town in Lander County. Battle Mountain's business district offers several casinos and hotels and an array of restaurants that includes options from Mexican cuisine to diner favorites. Arguably the biggest draws to Battle Mountain are its events, including the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet on May 7, stock-car racing at the Battle Mountain Raceway on May 6-7 and June 4 and 15-16, and various rodeos throughout spring and summer.

The self-proclaimed gateway to Nevada's outback, Battle Mountain delivers on the promise of adventure with neighboring mountain-bike trails such as Copper Basin Trail and remote canyons and mountain ranges to explore on foot. The nearby ghost town of Galena offers a lesson in the history of Nevada's mining boomtowns.

CONTACT

Lander County Convention and Tourism Authority
625 S. Broad St., Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

CARLIN

Before Carlin became a town, its location near the confluences of Maggie and Marys Creeks and the Humboldt River was a favorite camp among California Gold Rushers as early as the late 1840s. The town started to take shape when the Central Pacific Railroad expanded eastward in the late 1860s and continued to grow thereafter. The discovery of one of the world's most prolific gold deposits in the 1960s—the Carlin Trend—marked the start of another period of prosperity for the town. Today, Carlin and its about 2,300 residents rely heavily on the success of the area's gold mines.

While in some ways a bedroom community of nearby Elko, Carlin is home to services typical of any like-sized Nevada city, including restaurants and bars, grocery stores, two motels, a casino, a medical center, bank, and schools. The University of Nevada, Reno's Fire Science Academy in Carlin is among the finest emergency-response training facilities in the world.

CONTACT

City of Carlin
101 S. 8th St., Carlin
cityofcarlin.com
775-754-6354

DENIO

One of the best things about Nevada's Cowboy Country is that it is one of the few remaining places in the continental United States where a traveler can experience the sensation of being on a true frontier. And nowhere is the feeling more pronounced than in the northern extremes of the state in places such as Denio.

The main draws to the area are the abundant wildlife and outdoor recreation in nearby Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding wilderness and local opal mines such as Bonanza, Rainbow Ridge, and Royal Peacock.

The ranching town of fewer than 100 straddles the Nevada-Oregon line about 100 miles northwest of Winnemucca. Denio has a gas station, restaurant and bar, motel, and RV park.

CONTACT

Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority
50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

ELKO

The hub of Cowboy Country, Elko barely needs an introduction. With its ubiquitous western hospitality, cowboy way of life, international gold-mining prowess, and intrinsic connection to the great outdoors, Elko is among the most charming locales in the Silver State.

Born as a stop along the Central Pacific Railroad in 1868, by 1870 it was the Elko County Seat and had grown to a population of more than 1,000. As northeastern Nevada's link to the rest of the nation, Elko gained prominence quickly. Nevada's first institution of higher learning, the University of Nevada, opened there in the fall of 1873 (before relocating to Reno), and, in 1885, Elko opened the state's first high school.

Today, the city of more than 18,000 remains a hub for ranches throughout northeastern Nevada and is the center of the state's gold-mining industry. Elko's casinos and hotels provide ample Nevada-style entertainment, as do lounges of every description from cowboy and sports bars to brew pubs.

Cowboy culture and history are the theme at Western Folklife Center, where concerts, exhibits, and special events celebrate the ranching lifestyle. The Northeastern Nevada Museum honors the same traditions with exhibits such as the Will James Western Art Collection and offers visitors a look into the ancient history and geology of Elko County. The downtown

Elko Railroad Park commemorates the important role the town played in our country's railroad history.

The region's rich Basque history is on display—and the menus—at numerous Basque family-style eateries, including the world-famous Star Hotel and Dining Room.

As though the day-to-day offerings in Elko aren't reason enough to plan a visit, the city also hosts some of the state's most unique and universally loved events, including the National Basque Festival on July 1-3, the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival in September, and January's National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

Outside the city limits, Elko offers outdoor adventures as big as Cowboy Country territory. Some of the state's best hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, backcountry skiing, snowmobiling, and wildlife-watching await in such places as the Ruby Mountains, Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and South Fork and Wild Horse State Recreation Areas.

CONTACT

Elko Convention & Visitors Authority

700 Moren Way, Elko

exploreelko.com

800-248-3556

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Elko

JACKPOT

After Idaho outlawed casino gaming in the early 1950s, Peter Piersanti and Don French opened small casinos on U.S. Highway 93 just across the Nevada-Idaho border. Piersanti's Cactus Petes took over French's Horseshu Club in the 1960s, and the town of Jackpot has been Nevada's primary casino-resort destination for Idaho visitors ever since.

Today, the town of about 1,200 is anchored by the 300-room Cactus Petes, the Horseshu, Barton's Club 93, Four Jacks Casino, and The Pony Express Casino. In addition to accommodations and entertainment on par with anything offered in Nevada's larger destinations, Jackpot is home to an 18-hole golf course and small airport.

Outside of the casinos and resorts, Jackpot is also popular among hunters and outdoor enthusiasts, and its proximity to Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir makes it one of the region's best fishing destinations. Like West Wendover on the Nevada-Utah border, Jackpot observes Mountain Standard Time.

CONTACT

Jackpot Nevada Tourism
2395 Progressive Rd., Jackpot
jackpot-nevada.net
775-755-2653

JARBIDGE

Jarbridge was born following the 1909 discovery of gold in northeastern Nevada. By 1911, the town boasted a population of 1,200, and, by the 1920s, Jarbridge was Nevada's most productive gold-mining district. By the end of the '20s, the boom busted—today, about 20 people call Jarbridge home.

The town's modest size belies its draw to tourists, and a number of local businesses, including North Star Mine Gas and Gifts, Outdoor Inn, Red Dog Saloon, the Trading Post, and Tsawhaw-bitts Ranch B&B cater to residents and visitors alike. Events such as the Memorial Day party (May 28-29), Fourth of July celebration, Jarbridge Days (August), Labor Day Weekend and Harvest Dance (September), and Halloween pig feed (October) are legendary in Northern Nevada.

Jarbridge's location amid some of Nevada's most striking and pristine wilderness makes it a paradise for campers, backpackers, horseback riders, off-roaders, mountain bikers, anglers, hunters, wildlife-watchers, cross-country skiers, and snowmobilers.

CONTACT

Cowboy Country Territory
cowboycountry.org
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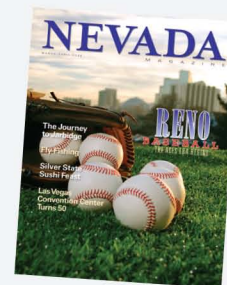


Jarbridge

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If not frozen in time, Jarbridge certainly lags behind. On a snowy December night in 1916, the last stagecoach robbery in U.S. history was committed just outside of town... The town is one of the last in the U.S. with no cell-phone service; even land lines didn't arrive until 1984, and every number in town starts 488-23, so locals tend to refer to only the last two digits.



"Delightfully Isolated"
Nevada Magazine, March/April 2009



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The Little Church of the Crossroads, Lamoille

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LAMOILLE

Lamoille is the gateway to “Nevada’s Alps”—the Ruby Mountains—and breathtaking Lamoille Canyon. The charming community of about 400 is 20 miles southeast of Elko via State Route 227 and among the region’s most beloved locales. The town owes its glowing reputation to its picturesque location amid tree-lined country roads and century-old farms and ranches set against a backdrop of typically snow-clad peaks.

Lamoille Grove park in the center of town is a popular picnic destination. Visitors who prefer to have their food prepared for them needn’t look further than the town’s two restaurants, The Bitter End and The Pine Lodge.

Popular events in the burg include the Lamoille Country Fair on June 26 and Autumn’s Lamoille Harvest Festival. Dedicated on November 5, 1905, The Little Church of the Crossroads is a popular photo stop, an active Presbyterian Church, and a lovely setting for wedding ceremonies.

If one day in Lamoille isn’t enough, The Pine Lodge and Hotel Lamoille offer a handful of rooms. For a taste of adrenaline-fueled adventure, Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience, operated out of Reds Ranch, offers some of the best heli-skiing on the continent.

CONTACT

Cowboy Country Territory
cowboycountry.org
877-626-9269 x.650

LOVELOCK

“Lovelock: Where Your Love Remains Locked” reads the title page of the town’s tourism website. Making use of its name and a centuries-old Chinese tradition of symbolically locking love by latching locks on a “never-ending chain,” the town unveiled its Lovers Lock Plaza in 2006. The strategy paid off, and the site has been a major tourism draw ever since.

Like many other Cowboy Country communities, Lovelock owes its existence to the Central Pacific Railroad, which established the town site in 1868. When Pershing County was created in 1919, Lovelock was named its seat, a distinction it has held ever since.

Today, the town of almost 2,400 relies primarily on mining and agriculture. Hotels, casinos such as Sturgeon’s, restaurants, bars, and shops occupy Lovelock’s business district in greater abundance than many might assume for a town of its size. The historic Pershing County Courthouse, designed by influential Nevada architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps, is renowned nationwide for its distinct round design.

Nearby attractions include the artifact-laden Lovelock Caves, Rye Patch Reservoir State Recreation Area, and Lovelock Speedway. Events such as Frontier Days in July and Valentine’s Day celebrations focused on Lovers Lock Plaza attract locals and tourists alike.

CONTACT

Lovelock/Pershing County Chamber of Commerce
350 Main St., Lovelock
loverslock.com
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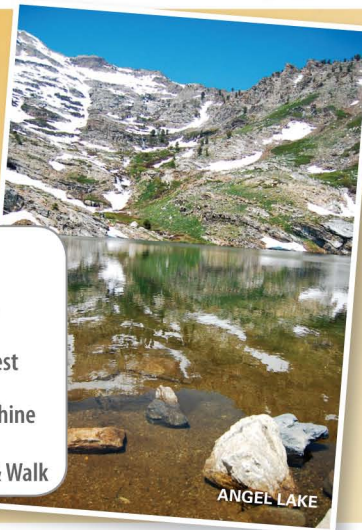
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MONTELO

On a strip of land clinging to the edge of the Union Pacific Railroad and lightly traveled State Route 233 sits charming Montello. Born as Bauvard in 1904, the town was a division point for the Southern Pacific Railroad. At its height, Montello was home to about 800 people. A fire in the 1920s crippled the business district, and the town never recovered. The introduction of diesel trains in the 1950s spelled the end for the town's importance to the railroad.

Today, Montello is home to a few hundred residents, two bars with restaurants, a small motel, a post office, an elementary school, and a convenience store. The homemade fries, Cowboy Burger, Internet jukebox, and hospitality at the Cowboy Bar and Café are worth the visit alone.



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CONTACT

Cowboy Bar and Café
775-776-2466

PARADISE VALLEY

To anyone not familiar with Paradise Valley, the name might seem an overly flattering moniker, but one visit to the quaint burg nestled among farms and ranches at the foot of the Santa Rosa Range will prove the name is apt.

About 40 miles north of Winnemucca, picturesque Paradise Valley was born in the 1860s as Paradise City, a unique community that was equal parts agriculture and mining. When the Santa Rosas stopped producing silver by 1890, ranching and farming kept the town alive. Today, about 100 people live in Paradise Valley.

Many original (some vacant) buildings dot the tree-lined main street, and the Paradise Mercantile Co. Bar and Saloon (or JS Bar) provides supplies and refreshments. The Stonehouse Country Inn Bed and Breakfast has six charming rooms and offers home-cooked meals for guests.

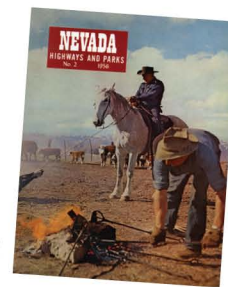
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Cowboy Country Territory
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877-626-9269 x.650

Stonehouse Country Inn Bed and Breakfast
nevadabandb.com/stonehouse
775-578-3530

REFLECTIONS

Framed by the doors at aging Fort Winfield Scott are the peaks of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the towering, snow-capped range which serves as the western wall for beautiful Paradise Valley in northern Nevada. The graceful Santa Rosas—on our April visit they were standing guard as they did in 1863 when an exploring group of disgruntled prospectors first looked down from their slopes into the long, green valley which they were soon to call home.



"An April Visit to Paradise Valley"
Nevada Highways and Parks, No. 2 1956



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SPRING CREEK

Testament to the substantial growth of Elko in the last three decades, the bedroom community of Spring Creek is home to about 17,000 people. Though very much tied to its neighbor 11 miles to the northwest, Spring Creek offers all the services to be expected in a city of its size, including grocery and convenience stores, restaurants, banking services, a post office, and four schools.

The city's proximity to the Ruby Mountains and other outdoor attractions such as South Fork State Recreation Area make it an outdoorsman's paradise. For relaxing outdoor recreation, Spring Creek Marina is a 32-acre spring-fed lake surrounded by a park and the setting for fireworks on the 4th of July, and the nearby 18-hole golf course is refreshingly light on golfers. Spring Creek's equestrian center, the Horse Palace, has a 65,000-square-foot indoor facility, an outdoor arena, and hosts numerous events and rodeos.

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WELLS

It's hard to mention Wells these days without sparking discussion of the devastation wrought on the town by the 6.0-magnitude earthquake on February 21, 2008.

Residents likened the sound to a sonic boom and a train derailment, and the tremor decimated the town's prized historic Front Street district. While the partially toppled historic buildings remain closed and fenced off, the community—in true Nevada spirit—has bounced back.

Wells was founded in 1868 by the Central Pacific Railroad, but the nearby Humboldt Wells springs were a favorite spot of American Indians thousands of years earlier. Today, the

town of about 1,300 is the crossroads of Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 93. Belying its modest size, Wells is home to many businesses including hotels, casinos, restaurants, grocery and convenience stores, repair shops, schools, and a golf course.

While the earthquake marred many of the sites along the historic walking tour, it is still an interesting look into the town's history and a haunting reminder of how fragile our historic treasures are. The nearby East Humboldt Range is among Nevada's most breathtaking collections of peaks and home to abundant wildlife and the locally popular Angel Lake, accessed by State Route 231, a scenic byway.

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WEST WENDOVER & WENDOVER (UTAH)

Wendover was born in the early 1900s as a railroad stop for steam locomotives to fill up on water before and after the long dry stretch across the Bonneville Salt Flats. During World War II, the Wendover Air Field and adjacent Army Air Corps Base housed more than 20,000 soldiers and were the headquarters for the B-29 Bomber unit assigned with the unenviable task of dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Historic Wendover Airfield Museum is among the town's top attractions and hosts the Wendover Air Show on June 25.

Straddling the Nevada-Utah line, the community of about 7,000 is actually two municipalities, Nevada's West Wendover and Utah's Wendover. The city relies on visitors primarily from the Salt Lake City area. The city's five resorts—Montego Bay, Peppermill, Rainbow, Red Garter, and Wendover Nugget casino-hotels—are on par with anything found in the major gaming centers of Nevada. West Wendover's shining star is the Peppermill Concert Hall, a 1,000-seat, \$21-million venue

that attracts top performers such as Merle Haggard (May 14), Ron White (July 1), Bill Engvall, and Tanya Tucker.

Outside of the resorts, West Wendover is home to the iconic, 40-foot-tall neon statue Wendover Will (see page 22) and one of few places on the planet where travelers can observe the curvature of the earth thanks to its location overlooking the flat expanse of the Bonneville Salt Flats. The salt flats play host to the area's most popular event, Bonneville Speed Week in August. Visitors interested in outdoor recreation without G-force speeds will enjoy the 18-hole Toana Vista Golf Course, hiking on nearby Pilot Peak, or even scuba diving in geothermal Blue Lake.

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WINNEMUCCA

The area occupied by modern-day Winnemucca has long been a crossroads—fur trappers of the early 1800s frequently camped there near the Humboldt River, as did California-bound emigrants during the Gold Rush. In the 1850s, a trading post was established at Graveley Ford, which later came to be known as Frenchmans Ford, and was renamed for the last time in 1863 in honor of Chief Winnemucca of the Northern Paiute Tribe. The arrival of the Central Pacific Railroad later

that decade heralded substantial population growth. At the intersection of Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 95, Winnemucca remains a vital crossroads today.

The city of nearly 8,000 is the seat of Humboldt County and one of the largest rural communities in Northern Nevada. With more than 1,100 hotel rooms, five major casinos, and myriad dining options, Winnemucca offers everything a visitor could want from a Nevada city. Its historic Bridge Street is lined with enough quirky pubs and shops to occupy most of a day, and three Basque restaurants—The Martin Hotel, Hotel Winnemucca, and Ormachea's Dinner House—offer unparalleled food and culture. The Humboldt Museum honors the area's rich history, as far back as the Ice Age.

Winnemucca is convenient to many outdoor recreation opportunities, from fishing, boating, and windsurfing at Rye Patch State Recreation Area to hunting, rock hounding, and geocaching around Humboldt County and off-roading at Winnemucca Sand Dunes. The legendary Bloody Shins Trail offers mountain biking for riders of all levels.

Crowd-pleasing events include the Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally (May 27-29), Mule Races and Show (June 3-5), July's Silver State International Rodeo, and the Tri-County Fair and Stampede in September. ▀

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A Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail hiker stands on the summit of Wines Peak above North Furlong Lake.

parks and recreation

A collection of diverse, scenic places where you and the family can conquer Cowboy Country.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Exciting and awe-inspiring wilderness rules the day in Northern Nevada's Cowboy Country. From remote wildlife refuges to rugged mountains and wild, untamed trails, it's easy to see how this dramatic territory earned its name.

Whether it's rattling down Winnemucca's Bloody Shins (mountain bike) Trail, casting a line into trout-filled South Fork Reservoir, or hiking and scaling peaks in the Jarbidge Wilderness, Cowboy Country provides destinations to suit any outdoor enthusiast.

LAMOILLE CANYON

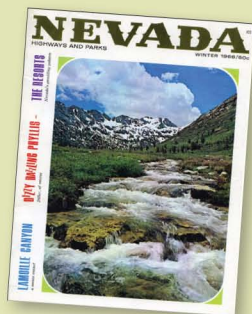
Thousands of years ago, the massive glaciers that once clung to northeastern Nevada's Ruby

Mountains gouged a gaping path through the range. Melted by changing climate, the

glaciers left in their wake a chasm so awe-inspiring that it has been likened to California's Yosemite Valley. The comparison is apt—Lamoille Canyon is home to towering granite cliffs, pristine alpine



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Beautiful as the canyon is on the way up, it's when you start down that you are forever "hooked," Lamoille's troubadours say. Ahead and below lie the breathtaking magnificence of jagged, cloud-scraping scarps, seasonal color of foliage and flowers, spilling over the hills and through the canyon, punctuated by silver ribbons of water, and beyond that, framed by the canyon mouth, a panoramic vista of the valley below.

"Lamoille Canyon: A Scenic Sonnet"
Nevada Highways and Parks, Winter 1966

scenery, and graceful waterfalls.

The gateway to the Ruby Mountains is a perennial favorite among locals and visitors for its varied and abundant options for outdoor recreation and easy access via the 13-mile Lamoille Canyon Road Scenic Byway (open to snowmobiles and ATVs only during the winter).

Hikers, backpackers, and hunters will find access to numerous mountain trails, including the 37-mile epic Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail, and anglers are fond of the many alpine lakes and streams to be found in the area. Technical climbers can take on many granite routes mere minutes from the scenic byway. In winter, the canyon is a favorite among snowmobilers, backcountry and cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and even ice climbers.

Picnic and scenic spots through the canyon include Roads End, Powerhouse Group Picnic Area, and Terraces, which are great for trail access, and Thomas Canyon Campground includes 40 campsites, 10 of which are designated for RVs.

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JARBIDGE WILDERNESS

Nevada's first designated wilderness area is also renowned as one of its finest.

The remote Jarbidge Wilderness, established in 1964, encompasses more than 113,000 acres of some of the most



untouched land in the lower 48 states. The many aspects of northeastern Nevada are displayed at their best, from snow-clad peaks reaching as high as the 10,839-foot Matterhorn—not to be confused with its European cousin, though impressive nonetheless—to alpine forests, cottonwood-filled canyons, and sagebrush flats.

Recreation opportunities in the region run the gamut in all seasons from back-

packing, camping, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, and nearby off-roading in summer and fall to snowmobiling and backcountry and cross-country skiing in winter and spring.

Access to the isolated wilderness is limited by the fact that no paved roads reach the Jarbidge area. Some services are available in the equally remote town of Jarbidge, but most visitors stock up on supplies in Elko or Wells.

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Jarbidge Wilderness, near the town of Jarbidge, offers a multitude of outdoor adventures—albeit extremely remote—such as hiking the Jarbidge River Trail. Fishing is also very popular.



PHOTO: KRISTIN BOAG

In summer 2007, avid ATVers and journalists were introduced to the Sunflower Flats/Merritt Mountain system of trails north of Wild Horse Reservoir in northeastern Nevada.

OFF-ROAD TRAILS

Northern Nevada probably has more miles of dirt roads than paved ones. Some are as flat and smooth as a rural driveway, some are jumbles of rocks and nail-biting technical terrain, and others are only navigable by mountain bike. Whatever your skill level and means of conveyance, a trail to suit your taste awaits in Cowboy Country territory.

Elko County is a veritable off-road Shangri-La, with trails catering to 4x4 trucks, ATVs, and mountain bikes. Just miles from the Elko city limits, Hamilton Bullion Trail follows the historic Hamilton Stagecoach Line and is appropriate for novice to intermediate riders. Harrison Pass, 42 miles south of Elko, offers trails for all descriptions of motorized and non-motorized off-highway vehicles and drivers and riders of all skill levels. A big draw to the trails around Harrison Pass is that they offer great views of the nearby Ruby Valley and Ruby Mountains. Spruce Mountain, 37 miles south of Wells, also has routes for all kinds of gas- and human-powered vehicles. Trails in the region are appropriate for all skill levels and climb through white fir forests, along ridge tops, and past historic mining towns. The Sunflower Flats/Merritt Mountain trail, north of Wild Horse Reservoir, offers gentle ter-

rain for the family. Many of the Elko area's off-road destinations play double duty as wintertime snowmobiling stops.

Not to be outdone, Humboldt County offers off-road enthusiasts numerous options for stirring up some dust as well. Just east of the Winnemucca city limits, one of Nevada's most talked about mountain-biking destinations—the Bloody Shins Trail—offers single tracks for riders from beginner to advanced. Hinkey Summit, in the Santa Rosa Range near the town of Paradise Valley, is popular among off-highway vehicle enthusiasts in warmer months and snowmobilers in winter.

Sand-seekers won't want to miss the Winnemucca Sand Dunes, 10 miles north of town on U.S. Highway 95. The largest dune field in Nevada offers sand trails and open dunes to ATV and motorcycle riders. A large camping area provides ample space for weekend adventurers.

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RUBY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The centerpiece of the nearly 40,000-

acre Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge—the lake—is not technically a lake at all, but rather a vast open-water marsh. Fed by



more than 200 springs along the base of the nearby Ruby Mountains, the refuge's wetlands serve the Pacific and Central Flyways, providing a crucial stop for migratory birds, making it a prime destination for birdwatchers. Ruby Lake is also a vital nesting area for canvasback and redhead ducks, Canada geese, and other waterfowl.



Elko angler Mike Mott broke the 39-year record for the largest rainbow trout ever caught in Nevada earlier this year. Mott's behemoth catch—made February 10 at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge—weighed in at 16 pounds, 8 ounces. "My net wasn't big enough," he says. "So I had to get into the very cold water without any waders to land him."

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The area is designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society.

The refuge's waterways are home to robust populations of largemouth bass and rainbow trout—in February, the refuge produced the largest rainbow ever pulled from Nevada waters. Anglers constitute the vast majority of visitors, a testament to the quality of fishing.

The nearby South Ruby Campground, operated by the U.S. Forest Service, is a good home base for fishing and bird-watching at Ruby Lake and hunting in the Ruby Mountains.

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RYE PATCH STATE RECREATION AREA

Rye Patch Reservoir—the centerpiece of the State Recreation Area of the same name—is a popular fishing, boating, camping, and watersports destination



between Lovelock and Winnemucca on Interstate 80. Home to some of the best windsurfing in Nevada, it also sees its share of water-skiers.

Spring and early summer are typically the best times to fish Rye Patch for crappie, wipers, white and black bass, and walleye, and fall is prime season for catfish. Nearly 50 designated campsites include flush toilets and hot showers, and primitive boat and four-wheel-drive accessible campsites are also available.

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Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Established in 1936 primarily to protect the pronghorn antelope that abound in the region, Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge is home to narrow gorges, sweeping steppe terrain, and a great abundance of wildlife. In addition to antelope, the area is home to bighorn sheep, mule deer, and sage grouse and is among Nevada's most prized hunting grounds. Several fishing holes and seasonal reservoirs provide good trout, bass, and crappie fishing.

Perhaps the most impressive feature of Sheldon is the nearly five-mile-long Thousand Creek Gorge—northwestern Nevada's answer to the Grand Canyon—with tower-

ing 1,000-foot walls and rugged jumbles of rock blocking its inner reaches from all but the most intrepid of backcountry travelers. The photo above was taken at the western mouth of the gorge.

Numerous primitive campgrounds ensure ample space for visitors. Virgin Valley Campground is open year-round and includes pit toilets, picnic tables, drinking water, a warm springs pool, and rustic shower house.

For an extensive story about the refuge, find "Wild Nevada" at nevadamagazine.com.

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South Fork State Recreation Area

REFLECTIONS



After spending the night somewhere near the southern end of [Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge], we eventually got on track and explored Virgin Valley Ranch, Virgin Valley Campground, and Thousand Creek Gorge. The highlight of our trip was the gorge, a nearly five-mile-long massive gash in the earth located in the northeastern section of the refuge. While vehicle access to the gorge is easy, hiking within it is anything but. The payoff, however, is the scenery—around every bend is a magnificent mix of creek, brush, and rock magnified by the towering gorge.

"Two for the Road"
Nevada Magazine,
November/December 2010

SOUTH FORK STATE RECREATION AREA

One of the Elko area's prized outdoor escapes is South Fork State Recreation Area, about 16 miles south of the city via State Routes 227 and 228. The 1,650-acre reservoir and surrounding 2,200 acres of meadows and rolling hills are popular for boating, camping, fishing, ice fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, swimming, water-skiing, and wildlife viewing. Trophy-class trout and bass are regularly pulled from the lake.

The recreation area's recently renovated campground includes 25 sites with shade structures and windscreens, showers, and two new group sites.



lar camping, boating, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling destination, Wild Horse is 65 miles north of Elko via State Route 225.

Fishing draws the most visitors, and the reservoir has abundant populations of brown and rainbow trout, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and catfish. Hunters visit the area mainly for pronghorn antelope, mule deer, grouse, chukar, and various waterfowl. Although named for mustangs, the area is no longer home to any wild horses.

The campground has 33 sites with tables, fire pits, and camp pads and includes showers, restrooms, a dump station, and a visitor's center.

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WILD HORSE STATE RECREATION AREA

Tiny 140-acre Wild Horse State Recreation Area sits on the northeastern shore of the reservoir of the same name. A popu-

EDITOR'S NOTE: Although Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trail National Conservation Area lies primarily within Cowboy Country, its ties to Gerlach and the annual counterculture event Burning Man contributed to our decision to promote the region in the upcoming November/December 2011 issue covering Nevada's Reno-Tahoe Territory. ▀

off the beaten path

Adventure awaits where the pavement ends in Cowboy Country.

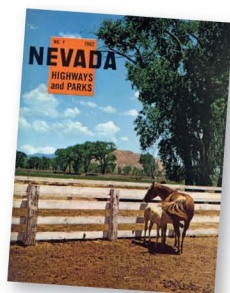
BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

A barrage of colorful words and warranty-voiding maneuvers finally release our truck from the slick gully that turned out not to be “the road” after all. Thick January fog concealing our goal—summitting northeastern Nevada’s Pilot Peak—Editor Matthew B. Brown and I concede defeat.

But the trip is not a complete failure—it reminds us that to experience the breathtaking beauty of Cowboy Country’s off-the-beaten-path destinations, making responsible decisions is paramount, and self-reliance is key. Keeping that in mind, here are several ways you can find solitude in this expansive territory.



PHOTO: PAULA RILEY



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Year-round snow rims the peaks above [Angel Lake] and feeds the merrily tumbling little falls behind it. Spring, summer, and autumn coincide here in a seasonal hocus-pocus that makes spring wild flowers blossom at the same time chokecherries are ripening to dusky tartness and quaking aspens blaze gold and red from the kiss of frost.

“Angel Lake”

Nevada Highways and Parks, No. 1 1962

ANGEL LAKE

Perched at 8,400 feet atop the striking East Humboldt Range, Angel Lake is replete with stellar alpine scenery, a remote mountain location, and sparkling azure water—the kind of place you would expect to find following an extended hike or backpacking adventure. Fortunately for those disinclined or unable to walk to such places, Angel Lake is an easy 13-mile drive southwest from Wells on scenic State Route 231.



The popular camping, fishing, nature-viewing, and hiking destination includes 26 campsites and a picnic area, and nearby Angel Creek provides a group picnic area and 18 additional campsites. Every summer, the lake hosts a Kids Fishing Derby.

Two trailheads in the area, Greys and Winchell Lakes Trails, offer access to the rugged and beautiful East Humboldt Wilderness. Since the road to the lake is too winding and steep for most trailers and motor homes (and closed from October through Memorial Day Weekend), Wells’ Angel Lake RV Park is a good option for recreational vehicle camping.

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BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS (UTAH)

What is inhospitable to life, covered in a salt crust up to five-feet thick, and frequented by vehicles capable of speeds in excess of 600 mph? If you guessed an alien planet, you're not far off. The other-worldly Bonneville Salt Flats east of West Wendover are the ancient dry bed of the prehistoric Lake Bonneville, which once covered much of present-day Utah and parts of eastern Nevada.

The 30,000-acre expanse is one of the largest completely flat stretches of land in the U.S.; so much so, in fact, that visitors can actually view the curvature of the earth from hills near West Wendover. The perfectly straight Interstate 80 appears to bend as it approaches the horizon across the flats.

Another rare opportunity afforded by the uniquely level surface is the chance to go fast...really, *really* fast. Since as early as the late 1800s, Bonneville has been synonymous with land-speed records and such high-octane events as Speed Week (August 13-19). Every description of wheeled conveyance from standard internal combustion cars to 600-plus-mph rocket-driven monsters has been pushed to its limits on the flats.

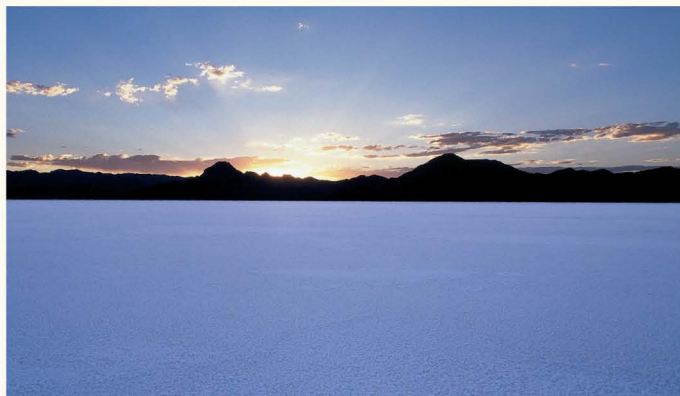


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CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The 1848 discovery of gold on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada spurred the largest human migration in the history of the U.S. Almost all of the nearly 200,000 people who reached the goldfields of California by land crossed through what is now Nevada along the California Trail. The California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, eight miles west of Elko off Interstate 80, is a tribute to those brave men and women and their quest for mineral riches.

The center sits near the former trail and offers visitors the chance to learn about daily life on the route and its various cutoffs, the impact the mass migration had on American Indians, and the trail's importance to the development of the West. Exhibits, interactive displays, murals, and dioramas paint a realistic picture of this important piece of American history.

The center is set to open for the season to coincide with California Trail Days, May 21-22, when visitors can experience firsthand what life was like for the pioneers who plied the trail. Starting in May 2012, the center is scheduled to be open year-round.



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Hyrum Hunter (at left) of Aurora, Utah, demonstrates blacksmithing techniques at the 2009 California Trail Days.

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Metropolis

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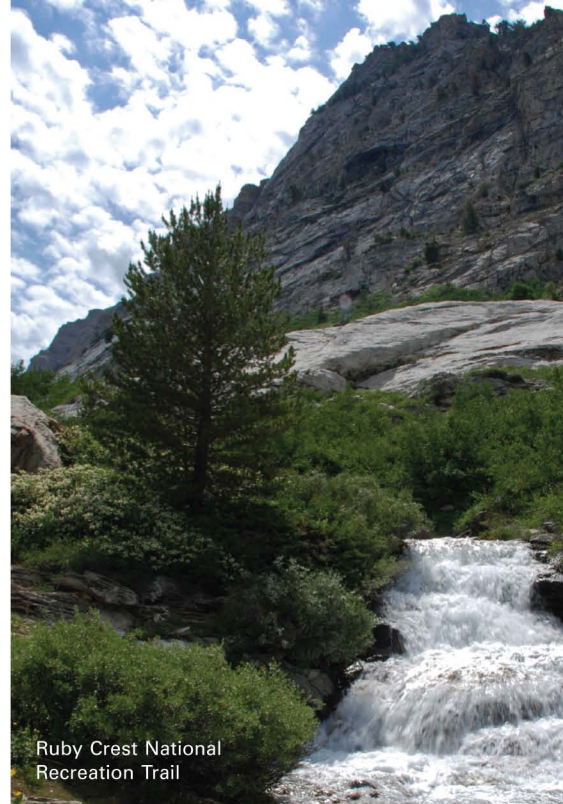
Metropolis is unique in that—unlike the vast majority of Nevada ghost towns—it has no ties to mining. Born in 1911, the town was among the West's earliest master-planned communities, envisioned as an agricultural city set amid more than 40,000 acres of farmland. The town boomed in the following years and boasted its own spur of the Southern Pacific Railroad and one of the finest modern hotels in the state.

Prosperity was short-lived, however, and following lawsuits filed by farmers in downstream Lovelock, Metropolis' water rights were cut drastically. Dry farming techniques kept the town afloat into the 1920s until the investment company behind the town, Pacific Reclamation, declared bankruptcy. Fires and cricket infestations led to the town's demise by the early 1940s.

There are some ranches in the Metropolis area today, but the town is completely abandoned. Some ruins remain, including the front arch of a school (pictured above) and the vault from the bank inside the hotel.

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Ruby Crest National
Recreation Trail

PHOTO: CHARLIE JOHNSTON

PILOT PEAK

Pilot Peak, near the Nevada-Utah border north of West Wendover, does not even break the top-30 list of Nevada's highest points. What makes the mountain a unique and worthy destination is that its 10,716-foot summit affords an unmatched view of the Bonneville Salt Flats almost 6,500 feet below. The mountain's dramatic rise from the surrounding valleys has gained it recognition as a U.S. prominence peak, meaning its summit is more than 5,000 feet above the surrounding terrain.

Pilot Peak is best hiked in late summer and fall when its slopes are devoid (usually) of snow—during winter and spring, the climb can be much more difficult and requires crampons, an ice ax, and knowledge of mountaineering techniques. Even under the best conditions, the climb is strenuous and requires a reasonable level of physical fitness and route-finding ability.



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RUBY CREST NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

The 37-mile long Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail is the stuff bucket lists are made of. From picturesque Lamoille Canyon and lofty Wines Peak to pristine Overland Lake and remote Harrison Pass, the three-to-four-day backpacking trip should be on every Nevada adventurer's list of must-sees.

The trail follows the spine of one of the Silver State's most unspoiled and photogenic ranges at altitudes ranging from 7,200 feet (Harrison Pass at the trail's southern terminus) to 10,863-foot Wines Peak.

The north-south trail can be hiked in either direction, but I suggest starting in Lamoille Canyon (north) and arranging to be picked up at Harrison Pass (south) to ensure fresh legs when the scenery is best.

Camping along the route is best near lakes such as Liberty, Favre, North Furlong, and Overland, and potentially long waterless stretches necessitate careful budgeting of water. The highest sections of the trail—especially the pass above Overland Lake—can retain ice and snow throughout the year, so be prepared for some wintry travel.



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Maybe it's the adventure of discovering what lies over the next ridge, or the solitude of a remote alpine lake at sunset, or the sense of self-reliance that comes with carrying all your earthly needs on your back. Whatever your reason, backpacking holds a special place in the hearts of adventurers worldwide—and Nevada, with its 300-plus mountain ranges, millions of acres of rugged, untamed wilderness, and thousands of miles of trails, can provide a lifetime of exploration for the intrepid backpacker.



"King of the Crests"

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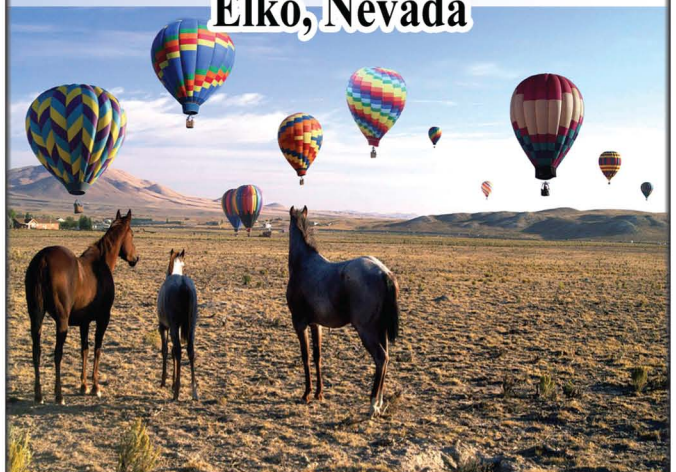
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THE SHEEPMEN

BY ROBERT LAXALT

NO. 2, 1977

It was one of those warm, golden days in the sagebrush desert of late summer, when the air was so bright that one's eyes had to draw into a squint to be able to support it. The desert was quiet and the silence broken only by the scraping of our boots on bare ground, and occasional talk. That was the trouble. Here, at least, it was too quiet.



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I had known this sheep ranch since I was a boy. My father had trailed sheep through here on their way to summer range in the forested Sierra that reared in the distance. And more than once, I had stopped here to rest and water the horses that I was driving from winter range to the foothills of the Sierra. Then, the ranch had always been a bustle of activity, corrals filled with milling sheep, the plaintive wails of lambs and the bleating of mothers looking for their wayward offspring.

Now, the ranch was deserted and the corrals abandoned. As we wandered through the maze of weathered brown boards and trampled earth, Batista said in his soft, outside voice, "I had to sell out. The Basque boys don't want to come over from the old country anymore, because life is getting better over there. They don't want to spend their best years out in the desert or the mountains herding sheep. You could say they were spoiled, but I

can't blame them for not coming over. We didn't know it then, because there wasn't much choice for us, but I guess it was a hard life at that."

Out of long habit, he paused to straighten and close a gate to a corral that would never hold a head of sheep anymore and said with eyes narrowing in his creased face, "And then there was the coyotes. With that new law protecting them, they are all over the range. They was killing my lambs like rabbits, and there was no way we could stop them. You know yourself, one man with a rifle has no chance in hell to kill one of those things, much less a hundred of them. It was too discouraging, so I quit."

He was echoing a lament that can be heard throughout Nevada's range country today. Yet, it is only part of the reason for the decline of the sheep industry. The development of synthetic wools, uncertain world markets, importation of cheaper

wool from foreign countries, and a lessening demand for mutton have all contributed to the decline. Dwindling down from a peak of more than a million sheep in 1910, Nevada's sheep empires have vanished, and only a handful of outfits remain to tend less than 200,000 sheep on private land and the diminishing public domain.

The story of sheep in Nevada was one that began almost by accident. The discovery that sheep could fare on the sagebrush deserts was made in the years of the California Gold Rush. Profits to be made by selling meat to the gold camps were realized by such as Kit Carson, who had been a scout for Fremont in his explorations of the Great Basin. In 1853, Kit Carson trailed some 13,000 sheep from New Mexico through Nevada to Sacramento, setting in motion a movement of half a million sheep across the Nevada deserts.

When the fortunes of the California gold camps waned and silver was discov-



Copper Basin (near Battle Mountain)



PHOTO: DINI ESPLIN

THE STORY

"The Sheepmen" was originally published in the No. 2, 1977 edition of *Nevada Magazine*. The red-tailed hawk cover image teased a feature on birds, and the issue also included a story on Basque sporting events and a Guide to Rock Hunting.



ered in 1859 near what was to become Virginia City, the sheep made a return journey over the Sierra to Nevada to feed the new boom camps. As mining strikes proliferated across the state's landscape, sheepmen followed. From then on, sheep were never again absent from Nevada.

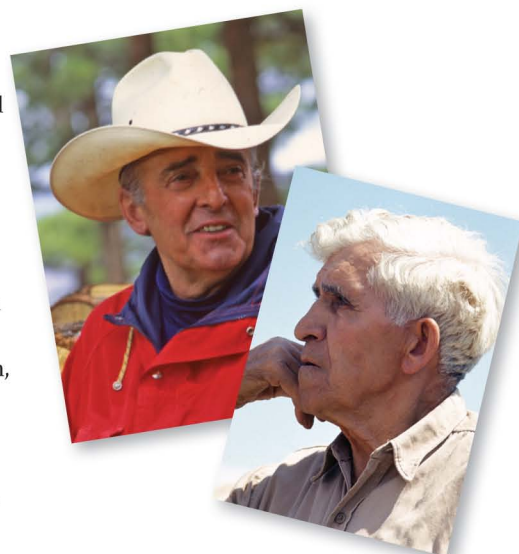
The years immediately before and after the turn of the century were the years of biggest expansion in the sheep industry. They also saw the beginning of a period of violence between cattlemen and sheepmen over range and water.

The Basques with their free-roaming bands of sheep over the open range were the cattlemen's common enemy. Vilified by politicians and newspapers aligned for the time being with the established cattle interests, they nevertheless refused to be run off what they considered to be free range. They fought back with a ferocity the cattlemen had never expected,

even when outnumbered by marauding bands of buckaroos who shot their invaluable dogs, scattered their sheep, and took shots at the herders themselves.

The range disputes were effectively settled in 1934 by the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act, which divided the open range between warring factions. From then on, cattlemen and sheepmen learned to live and prosper together. Contrary to the Hollywood-created myth, cattlemen often became sheepmen, sheepmen became cattlemen, and the most far seeing ran cattle and sheep at the same time. It all depended upon the market, and both cattle and sheep used the same essentials of corrals and range and water.

I have known cowboys who herded sheep when buckarooing jobs were scarce, and sheepherders who became buckaroos when market prices for wool and mutton dropped and they were left



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The son of Basque immigrants Dominique Laxalt (bottom photo) and Therese Alpetche, Robert Laxalt (wearing cowboy hat) was a revered teacher and author—he was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 1988.



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without jobs. My father and my uncles were typical. All of them came to America as young shearers. My father began with sheep, expanded to sheep and cattle together, and finally returned to sheep exclusively. Both of my uncles alternated between sheep and cattle until they died. All of them were good shearers and top buckaroos. And along the trail, they had all been riders enough to have tried their hand at the most demanding horseman's endeavor of all, running down and roping mustangs on the open range.

Though English, Scots, Irish, Mexican, and Chinese were predominant as herders in the beginning, the Basques emerged as the backbone of the range sheep industry. I once asked an English-born sheepman why this was so. He told me that of all the nationalities he had hired as shearers, he considered the Scots the most skillful. "But they and the Irish had a breaking point when it came to too much time spent alone," he said. "When they got fed up, they would walk away from their sheep and go to town for a tear. Not the Basques. They would stay with those sheep until they dropped in their tracks, or went nuts from loneliness, or got rich. Usually, it was the latter."

Like the rest of Nevada's nationalities, the Basques were tenacious. In the classic immigrant pattern, they sent home

passage money for brothers and nephews to help with the sheep, and sisters and nieces to work in the small Basque hotels. The small hotels, really boarding houses, became gathering places where herders could rest in their off-times or between jobs, speak with their countrymen in a familiar language, meet their future wives, and keep alive the songs and dances of their homeland in the Pyrenees mountains between France and Spain.

The Basques have lived to see themselves regarded as a group unique to the Far West. But plagued by a public domain slowly being withdrawn for recreational uses and lack of young herders, the tradition of the Basque sheepman on the open range will soon be a closed chapter in history. And the aspect of a solitary shepherd guarding his flocks through winter deserts and summer mountain meadows will have vanished forever from the Nevada scene.

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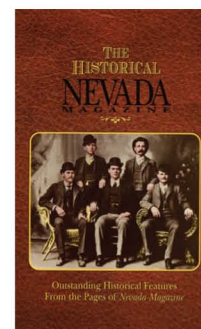
Shown above left is a typical Nevada sheepman's camp constructed in an aspen grove. The lonely herders' arborglyphs—carvings of names and initials, dates, phrases, and human and animal figures—can be seen on Northern Nevada aspens today.

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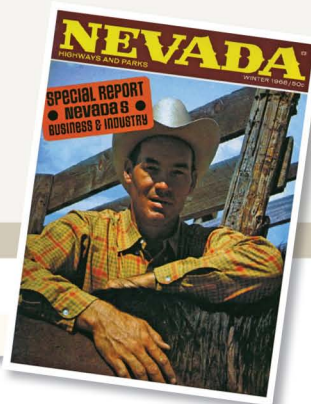
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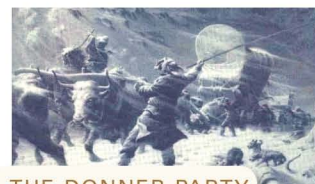
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THE DONNER PARTY

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22, 1976 – Heavyweight boxer Oscar Bonavena is gunned down at the Mustang Ranch east of Reno. Bonavena had an affair with brothel owner Joe Conforte’s wife—the premise of the 2010 movie “Love Ranch,” starring Joe Pesci and Helen Mirren.



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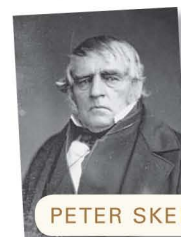
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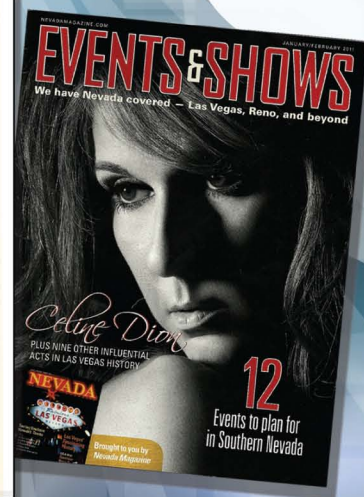
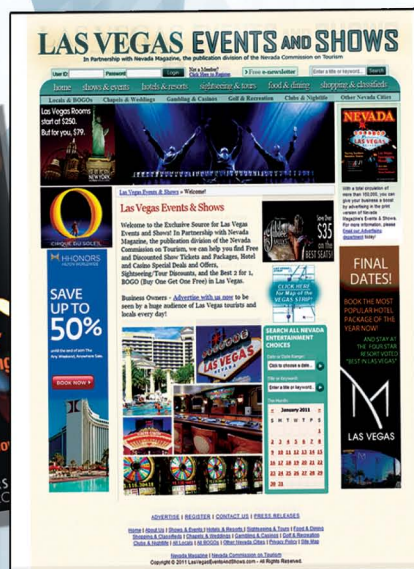
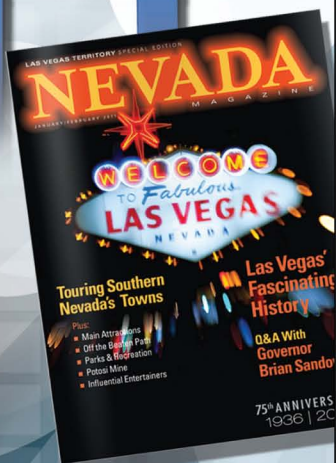
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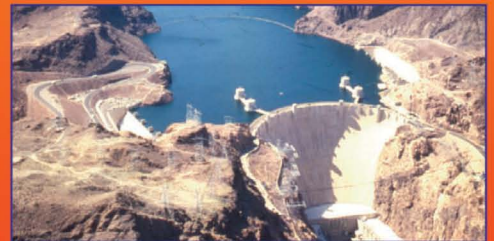
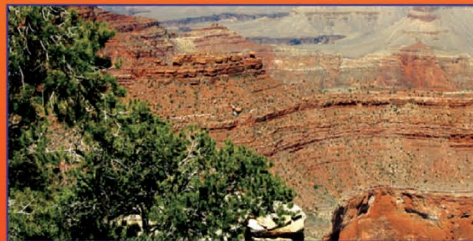
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Fans of professional cycling don't need to be told how monumental this month's arrival of the 2011 Amgen Tour of California in Lake Tahoe is. For the unaware, let's just say that the Amgen Tour is to North America what the Tour de France is to Europe; retired cyclist Lance Armstrong competed in the 2010 event.

North America's largest cycling event kicks off with an Opening Gala and Official Team Introduction on May 13 at Stateline's MontBleu Resort. The event is a fundraiser for Breakaway from Cancer, and tickets are available at tahoeamgentourofcalifornia.com.

The racing action begins Sunday, May 15, as Stage 1 rides from South Lake Tahoe to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort. The next day, competitors will begin the day at Squaw Valley USA on their way to Sacramento. Visit the aforementioned website for best viewing points, where to catch the riders up close and personal, a list of events, and lodging options.

If you'd rather pedal than be a spectator, the Lake Tahoe Legends Ride on May 14 offers amateur cyclists a fully supported 72-mile ride (around the lake) or 35-mile ride and boat cruise. The same options, plus a 100-mile century ride, are available as part of America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride on June 5. Both events are organized by Bike the West.

Bike the West also manages a less rigorous cycling event out of Genoa on June 26 called the Tour of the Carson Valley—Barbecue & Ice Cream Social. Options include an 11-mile Family Fun Ride, a 20-mile Bike/Hike Tour, and 44-mile Tour of the Carson Valley.

Details for these and more Nevada rides are available at bikethewest.com.

BRING THE FAMILY

➤ **Caliente Homecoming**, May 26-30 in Lincoln County, typically includes an art show, entertainment, softball and horseshoe tournaments, Dutch-oven dinner, and barbecue.

➤ **"Thomas & Friends Live! OnStage"** chugs into The Orleans in Las Vegas, June 11-12. The loveable train character, which has a Barney-like effect on the little ones, comes to life in this production.

➤ History lovers and children alike will enjoy two Northern Nevada **Chautauqua** events in June. Young Chautauqua Performances come to Genoa's Mormon Station State Historic Park, June 15-16, and the Nevada Humanities Chautauqua returns to Reno's Bartley Ranch Regional Park on June 26-30.

ONLY IN NEVADA

➤ Attendees of the **Alamo UFO Conference** in Alamo, May 27-29 "in the shadow of Area 51," will hear about firsthand accounts of alien encounters and theories on how the U.S. military is allegedly involved with extraterrestrial abductions.

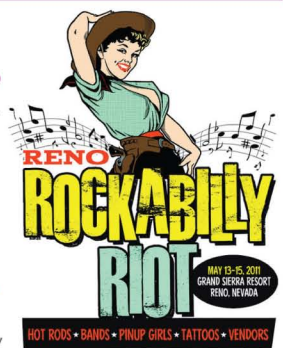
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WHAT'S NEW



➤ **"Absinthe"** debuted at Las Vegas' Caesars Palace in April. "This is an intoxicating collision of circus, burlesque, and vaudeville featuring curious creatures, heavenly bodies, and outrageous comedy," reads caesarspalace.com. The show is dark on Monday nights.

➤ Reno's newest hot rod show, **Reno Rockabilly Riot**, invades Grand Sierra Resort on May 13-15. Southern hipsters will enjoy the **Cars, Stars, and Guitars Festival** on May 6-7 at Suncoast



and the **Rockabilly Rod Reunion**, May 27-29 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.



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➤ The three-day (June 4-6) women's **golf** tournament, **Patty Sheehan & Friends**, boasts a field of 40 LPGA professionals competing in a stroke-play tournament for a \$225,000 purse at Reno's Hidden Valley Country Club. A Pro-Am is set for Friday, June 3. Sheehan is pictured above.

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wendover rocks

Nevada-Utah border town attracts big acts to its intimate concert hall.

Nevada is home to a wide variety of entertainment venues. Some are designed to meet the needs of a single resident show—"O" Theatre at the Bellagio in Las Vegas is custom-made for the Cirque du Soleil show of the same name. Others are built to host a wide variety of events—the Reno Events Center is home to the Reno Bighorns NBA D-League basketball team but also features music, comedy, and even dance performances. Some complexes are created, it seems, expressly to cater to showgoers and provide them with the experience of a lifetime.

The Peppermill Concert Hall in West Wendover falls into the third category, built with its audience in mind. "There's not a bad seat in the house," says Peppermill Marketing Director John Spillman. And he's right. The

1,000-seat venue is as intimate as many theaters only a fraction its size, and every section, from the front row to the back of the room, feels like you could reach out and touch the stage.

Since the \$21-million hall opened in July 2006, it has been a major draw to and has helped boost the economy of West Wendover. Spillman says in addition to attracting more tourists from the Salt Lake City Metropolitan Area about 120 miles east on Interstate 80, the concert hall appeals to showgoers from northeastern Nevada and West Wendover itself. "The town is more lively on days when there is a concert," he says.

While the venue itself, with its well-appointed lobby and top-of-the-line amenities, is impressive, a great building is just one of the pieces that make the Peppermill Concert Hall such

a success. Thanks largely to the efforts and investments of the Peppermill's three resorts in the city (Montego Bay, Peppermill, and Rainbow), Spillman says the Wendover Airport is Utah's second busiest behind Salt Lake City, making it easier for tourists—and top-name performers—to reach the Nevada-Utah border town.

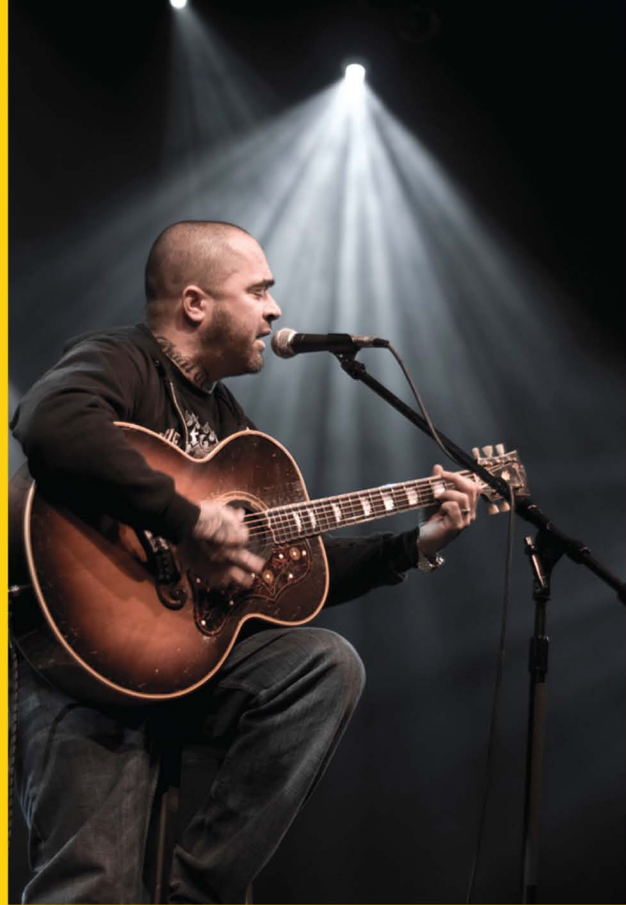
The concert hall has been nominated Casino Venue of the Year by the Academy of Country Music for three consecutive years since 2009 and has played host to such acts as Boston, The Guess Who, Lee Ann Rimes, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Montgomery Gentry, The Oak Ridge Boys, REO Speedwagon, and Willie Nelson, to name a few. Although not open to the public, a wall backstage bears the signatures, logos, and other artwork from these big-name acts.



CONTACT

Peppermill Concert Hall
680 Wendover Blvd.,
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com/concerthall
800-217-0049





Performers such as Aaron Lewis of STAINED (left) sign their names on a wall backstage at the Peppermill Concert Hall.



An Entertainment Jackpot

Another of northeastern Nevada's entertainment-filled border towns is Jackpot, on U.S. Highway 93 at the Nevada-Idaho line. The 300-room Cactus Petes is home to a 4,000-seat outdoor amphitheater and the more intimate Gala Showroom. The two venues host many of the same top-name performers as the Peppermill Concert Hall in West Wendover.

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The Moody Blues
 Hard Rock
 hardrockhotel.com
 800-HRD-ROCK

Sean Kingston
 Red Rock
 redrocklasvegas.com
 702-797-7518

Sixties Sensation
 North Las Vegas
 Cannery
 cannerycasinos.com
 866-999-4899

(13-14)
Riverside BrewBQ
 Laughlin
 Riverside
 riversideresort.com
 800-227-3849

(13-15)
Drinkin', Singin', Swingin'—Salute to the Rat Pack
 North Las Vegas
 Cannery
 cannerycasinos.com
 866-999-4899

(13-15)
Pablo Francisco
 South Point

southpointcasino.com
 866-796-7111

(13-15, 21-22)
"The Wizard of Oz"
 Henderson
 Henderson Pavilion
 hendersonlive.com
 702-267-4849

14 SATURDAY

America
 North Las Vegas
 Cannery
 cannerycasinos.com
 866-999-4899

BC's Got Talent
 Boulder City
 Library Amphitheatre
 bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
 702-812-6449

Bret Michaels
 Laughlin
 Harrah's
 harrahslaughlin.com
 702-298-4600

Capri Life Time Fitness Triathlon
 Lake Mead National Recreation Area
 bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
 702-525-1087

Dokken & Quiet Riot
 Henderson
 Sunset Station
 sunsetstation.com
 702-367-2470

Freedom 4-Wheelers Mud Race
 Panaca
 Rodeo Grounds
 lincolncountynevada.com
 775-962-1345

Guided Petroglyph Canyon Hike
 Valley of Fire State Park
 parks.nv.gov/vf.htm
 702-397-2088

International Migratory Bird Day
 Pahrnatag National Wildlife Refuge
 getoutdoorsnevada.com
 775-725-3417

Judy Yang
 The Orleans
 orleanscasino.com
 800-675-3267

Project Dinner Table

Location TBD
projectdinnertable.com

Splash into Summer

Mesquite
Virgin River
mesquitenv.com
702-346-7091

Spring Speedfest

Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Stevie Nicks

Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

WON Bass Fishing

Boulder City
Lake Mead Marina
bouldercitychamber
ofcommerce.com

Yanni

The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(14-15)

**Grand National
Competition of the
Old West**

Jean
Gold Strike Hotel &
Gambling Hall
goldstrikejean.com/
grandnational
800-634-1359

(14-15)

The Scintas

Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

**15
SUNDAY**

Bird Mart

Henderson
Henderson Convention
Center
hendersonlive.com
702-568-1603

(15, 22)

**A Choreographers'
Showcase**

Nevada Ballet Theatre
& Cirque du Soleil
ARIA
nevadaballet.org
702-531-3800

17

(17-21)

Nathan Owen's

Motown After Dark

Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-4600

(17-19)

**The Global Travel &
Tourism Summit**

ARIA
globaltraveltourism.com
011 44 20 7481 8007

18

**Full-Moon Hike
Into Ash Grove**

Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

(18-19)

"American Storm"

Male revue
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

(18-20)

**Hospitality Design
Exposition & Conference**

Sands Expo &
Convention Center
hdexpo.com
312-943-6900

19

**Full-Moon Hike
Into Sandstone Canyon**

Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

20

Echo & The Bunnymen

Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7518

Experience Hendrix

Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

**Henderson Symphony
Orchestra**

Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4849

Jerry Seinfeld

Caesars Palace
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

**Karla Huntsman
Presents "Journey"**

Lloyd D. George U.S.
Federal Courthouse
artslasvegas.org
702-229-3515

**Norman Brown &
Richard Elliot**

Santa Fe Station
santafestation
lasvegas.com
866-264-1818

(20-21)

**American Bass Fishing
Contest**

Boulder City
Callville Bay
bouldercitychamberof
commerce.com
310-376-1026

(20-21)

**H2X Indoor Jet Ski
Race & Watersports
Show**

South Point
southpointevents
center.com
702-797-8005

(20-21)

**Sammy Shore's
Legends of Comedy**

Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

(20-22)

**Comedy on the Edge!
Beny Mena**

Laughlin
Edgewater
edgewater-casino.com
702-298-2453

(20-23)

**No Frills
Golf Tournament**

Laughlin
Pioneer
pioneerlaughlin.com
800-634-3469

**21
SATURDAY**

Armed Forces Day

Mesquite
Sun City Pioneer Center
mesquitenv.com
702-346-6427

Art Swap

Boulder City
The Corner Gallery
thecornergallerybc.com
702-501-9219

Crowfield

Santa Fe Station

santafestationlasvegas.com
866-264-1818

Desert Survival Skills

Valley of Fire State Park
parks.nv.gov/vf.htm
702-397-2088

Diaper Run

Pahrump
pahumpchamber.com
775-727-5800

**Float Like A Duck
Water Safety**

YMCA Water Sports Park
702-289-2225

Glee

Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7800

Henderson Shines!

Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2008

Las Vegas

Jane Austen Dance

Charleston Heights
Arts Center
lasvegascountrydance.org
702-303-3020

Masterworks V—

Las Vegas

Philharmonic

The Artemus W.
Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Natalie Cole

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

**Rachel Day:
Mardi Gras in Rachel**

Rachel
rachel-nevada.com
775-729-2515

Rammstein

Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

Relay For Life

Pahrump
pahumpchamber.com
775-727-5800

Soldiers of the Fort

Old Las Vegas Mormon
Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvfmf.htm
702-486-3511

Wine Walk

Town Square Las Vegas
winewalklv.com

(21-22)

Sheena Easton

South Point
southpoint
casino.com
866-796-7111

(21-22)

**Tahiti Taurua Nui
Las Vegas**

The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(21-22)

**\$15,000 King of the
River Cash Tournament**

Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-4600

(21-22)

**\$125,000 Las Vegas
Barbecue Championship**

The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

**22
SUNDAY**

**CSN Piano Festival
Finale**

North Las Vegas
Nicholas J. Horn Theatre
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

Kylie Minogue

Caesars Palace
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

System of a Down

Palms
palms.com/pearl
866-942-7770

23

Seven Mary Three

Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

(23-24)

\$500,000 Mega Bingo

Gold Coast
goldcoastcasino.com
800-331-5334

25

(25-29)

Hal Sparks

Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

D 26

Theatre Showcase

Boulder City
BCHS Auditorium
bouldercitychamberof
commerce.com
702-812-6449

(26-29)

Ralphie May

Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

(26-30)

Caliente Homecoming

Lincoln County
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

D 27

Barenaked Ladies

Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7518

Bill Cosby

Treasure Island
treasureisland.com
866-712-9308

Memorial Day Concert

The Artemus W. Ham
Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Rodrigo Y Gabriela

House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7600

(27-28)

Freddie Eckstein

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

(27-28)

Las Vegas Astronomical Society Star Party

Cathedral Gorge State Park
parks.nv.gov/cg.htm
775-728-4460

(27-28)

Snow Mountain Powwow

lvpaiutetribecom/powwow
775-687-8333

(27-29)

Air Supply

The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(27-29)

Alamo UFO Conference

Alamo
freewebs.com/alamo-
ufoconference
208-484-1574

(27-29)

Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo

Imperial Palace
shows.bickinternational.com
818-997-6496

(27-29)

Comedy on the Edge! Ron Shock

Laughlin
Edgewater
edgewater-casino.com
702-298-2453

(27-29)

Rockabilly Rod Reunion & NHRA

Hot Rod Heritage
Nostalgia Drags
Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
rockabillyrodreunion.com
800-644-4444

(27-29)

\$100,000 Craps Tournament

Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

(27, 29)

Firefall

South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(27-30)

Jim Butler Days

Tonopah
tonopahchamberof
commerce.com
775-482-3859

(27-30)

Punk Rock Bowling & Music Festival

Fremont Street
punkrockbowling.com

D 28 SATURDAY

Anna Vissi

MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

Chelsea Handler Told Me Tour

Caesars Palace

caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

Civil War

Living History
Old Las Vegas Mormon
Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

GIMME SHELTER Benefit Concert

Henderson
Lake Las Vegas
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4700

Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin-Experience

North Las Vegas
Aliante Station
aliantecasino.com
877-477-7627

Miss Boulder City Pageant

Boulder City
BCHS Auditorium
bcnv.org
702-293-1118

Mouse's Tank Program

Valley of Fire State Park
parks.nv.gov/vf.htm
702-397-2088

The Script

House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7600

Sin City Roller Girls

Riviera
sincityrollergirls.com

Summer of Fun Kickoff

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

(28-29)

Domenick Allen

Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

(28-29)

Memorial Weekend Cash Giveaway

Jean
Gold Strike Hotel &
Gambling Hall
goldstrikejean.com
800-634-1359

D 29 SUNDAY

Aaron Lewis of STAIN'D

Laughlin
Edgewater

edgewater-casino.com
702-298-2453

My Chemical Romance

House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7600

Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine

Henderson
Green Valley Ranch
greenvalleyranchresort.com
866-264-1818



(30-31)

Mesquite Amateur Golf Tournament

Mesquite
mesquiteamateur.com
888-711-4653 x.51

D 31

"The King" Starring Trent Carlini

Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

J U N E

D 1

(1-3)

Mesquite Amateur Golf Tournament

Mesquite
mesquiteamateur.com
888-711-4653 x.51

(1-5, 7-11)

"The King" Starring Trent Carlini

Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

D 2

(2-5)

National Barrel Horse Association Vegas Super Show & Gift Expo

South Point
southpointevents
center.com
702-797-8005

D 3

Al Jarreau

North Las Vegas
Aliante Station
aliantecasino.com
877-477-7627

Goo Goo Dolls

Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7518

Live Orchestral Screening of Charlie Chaplin's "City Lights"

Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4849

Restless Heart

Santa Fe Station
santafestationlasvegas.com
866-264-1818

(3-4)

Ronnie Rose

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

(3-5, 9-12)

"How I Became A Pirate"

Charleston Heights
Art Center
rainbowcompany.org
702-229-6553

D 4 SATURDAY

King of the Cage

Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

Ms. Senior Golden Years USA Pageant

Pahrump
Saddle West
pahrpumpchamber.com
775-727-5800

Nevada Veterans Assistance League Golf Classic

Boulder City
Boulder Creek Golf Club
veterans.nv.gov
702-332-6741

Wilson Phillips

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

(4-5)

Lincoln County Trails Day

Lincoln County
lincolncountynvada.com
877-870-3003

5 SUNDAY**Vegas AmJam Skatepark Series**

Freedom
vegassamjam.com

7**Tim McGraw**

Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

10**MOCCA**

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

T.G. Sheppard

Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
866-264-1818

(10-12)

Art Vargas Vintage Vegas Live

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

11**SATURDAY****Cake**

Cosmopolitan
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com
877-551-7778

Deftones

Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

John Waite

Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
866-264-1818

JUNEFEST Starring Three Dog Night

South Point
southpointevents.com
702-797-8005

Kids Fishing Derby

Echo Canyon State Park

parcs.nv.gov/ec.htm
775-728-4460

Men of Soul Tour

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

NASCAR K&N 200

Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Nevada Free Fishing Day

Statewide
ndow.org
775-688-1500

Settlement Day Breakfast & Soldiers of the Fort

Old Las Vegas Mormon
Fort State Historic Park
parcs.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Sin City Roller Girls

Riviera
sincityrollergirls.com

(11-12)

Thomas & Friends Live Onstage

The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

16**Bruno Mars & Janelle Monáe**

Palms
palms.com/pearl
866-942-7770

Full-Moon Hike Into Sandstone Canyon

Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park
parcs.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

(16-19)

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey—Fully Charged

Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

17**Doobie Brothers**

Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

The Flaming Lips

Cosmopolitan

cosmopolitanlasvegas.com
877-551-7778

Full-Moon Hike Into Ash Grove

Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park
parcs.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

Steel Pulse

Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7518

(17-18)

Mark & The Martinis

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

(17-18)

Organ Concert at Scotty's Castle

Death Valley National Park
nps.gov/deva
775-751-4245

(17-18)

Rodney Carrington

Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

(17-19)

Coin, Currency, Jewelry & Stamp Expo

Laughlin
River Palms
shows.bickinternational.com
818-997-6496

(17-19)

Nevada State Beer Pong Championship

Mesquite
e-mail: cadderson@blackgaming.com

18 SATURDAY**Bobby Vinton**

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

Chris Trickle Father's Day Special

Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Michael McDonald

Laughlin
Edgewater
edgewater-casino.com
702-298-2453

Panic at the Disco

House of Blues

houseofblues.com
877-632-7600

Randy Travis

Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

Rick Springfield

Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-386-7867

The Symphonic Rock Show

Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4849

**Kids Fishing Derby**

Tonopah
Sportsman's Park
tonopahnevada.com
775-482-6336

MISS USA Pageant

Planet Hollywood
missusa.com
702-794-3328

22

(22-25)

Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club International Show & Convention

South Point
southpointevents.com
702-797-8005

23**Brett Dennen**

Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
866-866-6868

(23-24)

Elvis Rocks Mesquite

Mesquite
casablancaresort.com
e-mail: pjones@blackgaming.com

24**Rush**

MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

(24-26)

Gold Rush Peruvian Horse Classic XI

South Point
southpointevents.com
702-797-8005

(24-26)

Las Vegas Sportsmen's Boat, RV, & Travel Show

Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-892-0711

(24-26)

World Tea Expo

Las Vegas Convention Center
worldteaexpo.com
919-325-3358

25 SATURDAY**Civil War Living History**

Old Las Vegas Mormon
Fort State Historic Park
parcs.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Project Dinner Table

UNCE Orchard
projectdinnertable.com

The Spinners

North Las Vegas
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
866-999-4899

26 SUNDAY**"Ribbon of Life" Fundraiser**

Paris
goldenrainbow.org
702-384-2899

27**WWE Raw**

Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

30**Heidi Newfield**

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Delamar
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Gold Point
Goldfield
Hawthorne
Luning / Mina
Manhattan / Belmont
Pahrump
Panaca
Pioche
Rachel
Rhyolite
Round Mountain
Scotty's Castle
Shoshone
Silver Peak / Weepah
Tecopa
Tonopah
Yerington

★ ONGOING

"Absinthe"

Caesars Palace
Dark Mon.
spiegelworld.com
800-745-3000

"Annie"

Super Summer Theatre
Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park
June 8-11, 15-18, 22-25
supersummertheatre.org
702-594-7529

ArtBeat

Henderson
May 6, 13, 22
June 3, 10, 17, 24
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Barry Manilow

Paris
May 20-22, 27-29
June 3-5, 10-12
manilowparis.com
800-745-3000

**"The Beatles LOVE,"
by Cirque du Soleil**

Mirage
Dark Tues. & Wed.
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Blue Man Group

The Venetian
Nightly
venetian.com
800-BLUE-MAN

**Building Atomic
Vegas**

Atomic Testing
Museum
Thru Jan. 28, 2012
nevadahumanities.org
702-895-1878

Carrot Top

Luxor
Dark Tues.
luxor.com
702-262-4400

Celine Dion

Caesars Palace
June 7-8, 11-12,
14-15, 18-19, 21-
22, 25-26, 28-29
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

**"CRISS ANGEL
Believe"
by Cirque du Soleil**

Luxor
Dark Sun. & Mon.

luxor.com
702-262-4400

David Copperfield

MGM Grand
May 12-June 22
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

David Spade

The Venetian
June 17-18
venetian.com
866-641-7469

**Donn Arden's
"Jubilee!"**

Topless revue
Bally's Las Vegas
Dark Fri.
ballyslasvegas.com
800-237-SHOW

**Donny & Marie
Osmond**

Flamingo
Dark Sun. & Mon.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

**"Disney's
The Lion King"**

Mandalay Bay
Dark Fri.
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

**First Friday
Art Celebration**

firstfriday-lasvegas.org
702-384-0092

Garth Brooks

Wynn Las Vegas
June 3-4, 23-25
wynnlasvegas.com
702-770-1000

Gordie Brown

Golden Nugget
Dark Sun. & Mon.
goldennugget.com
702-386-8100

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A Photographic Survey**

Historic 5th Street
School
May 17-July 12
nac.nevadaculture.org
702-229-1012

**Jabbawoogie—
"MÜS.I.C."**

Monte Carlo
Dark Tues. & Wed.
montecarlo.com
877-386-8224

Jay Leno

Mirage
May 13-14, June 10
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Jazz on the Lake

Henderson
Lake Las Vegas
Sat.
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4700

"Jersey Boys"

The Palazzo
*Dark Wed.
palazzolasvegas.com
866-641-7469
*Dark Mon.
starting June 6

Joan Rivers

The Venetian
June 2-4
venetian.com
866-641-7469

John Edward

Flamingo
May 21
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"KÀ"

by Cirque du Soleil
MGM Grand
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mgmgrand.com
866-774-7117

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lv51.com
702-798-7825

"Le Rêve"

Wynn Las Vegas
Dark Tues. & Wed.
wynnlasvegas.com
888-320-7110

"Men of X"

Male revue
Hooters
Dark Mon. & Tues.
hooterscasinohotel.com
866-584-6687

**"Mystère,"
by Cirque du Soleil**

Treasure Island
Dark Thurs. & Fri.

treasureisland.com
800-392-1999

"O"

by Cirque du Soleil
Bellagio
Dark Mon. & Tues.
bellagio.com
888-488-7111

Penn & Teller

Rio
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7784

**"Phantom: The Las
Vegas Spectacular"**

The Venetian
Dark Sun.
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

**Pueblo Indian Art:
Ongoing Traditions**

Henderson
Clark County Museum
Thru June 3
clarkcountynv.gov
702-455-7955

Tim Allen

The Venetian
May 20-21
venetian.com
866-641-7469

**"Viva ELVIS"
by Cirque du Soleil**

ARIA
Dark Sun. & Mon.
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"X" Burlesque

Topless revue
Flamingo
Nightly
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Fri., May 6-Oct. 28
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241 Water St.
Thurs.
hendersonfarmers
market.com
702-579-9661
Sansone Park Plaza
Sun.
fresh52.com
702-481-6558

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Gardens Park
Tues.
702-562-2676
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
Bruce Trent Park
Wed.
702-562-2676
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
Floyd Lamb Park
May 15, June 19
702-562-2676
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com

Pahrump

Event Center
Fri. & Sat.
775-727-4386
Master Gardeners Market
Sat.
775-513-0458

Tonopah

Pocket Park
Mon., July 4-Oct. 3
localharvest.org/
farmers-markets/M19984
775-482-3118



NEVADA ONLINE

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nevadamagazine.com.

Austin, Nevada. Party down with Reuel Gridley on the 4th.



Austin
~nevada~

Two of Austin's biggest events are on one weekend this year! An "Old Fashioned 4th of July" and "Gridley Days" have come together to celebrate the rich heritage of this historic town. The festivities begin on Friday, July 1st, and continue throughout the weekend. Events include the sack of flour race, parade, games, a quad and ATV poker run, turkey shoot, cemetery tour, live entertainment, and much, much more. The grand finale ends with a "bang" on Monday, July 4th. It's a weekend to make old Reuel proud.

To read about Reuel Gridley and his famous sack of flour, visit Austin4thofJuly.org.

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Celebrate Trails Day in Lincoln County June 4-5, 2011

Lincoln County is planning its 8th annual Trails Day event on June 4 and 5, 2011. The Lincoln County Trails Coalition, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Parks, and the Lincoln County Commissioners have planned a line-up of events to include a hike, guided ATV rides, a four-wheel drive adventure, an equestrian trail ride, and a motorcycle trail ride. These events will take place in the mountains surrounding the town of Caliente in Lincoln County.

For more information, please call (877) 870-3003 or for complete descriptions of individual events, please visit LincolnCountyNevada.com/TrailsDay. The trail starts in Lincoln County!

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June 4-5, 2011



Speed Week, Bonneville Salt Flats



Human-Powered Speed Challenge by Bruce Rettig



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MAY

BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS

Nevada's **Black Rock Desert** draws tens of thousands of adventure seekers annually. While most come for the Labor Day Weekend counterculture festival Burning Man, others prefer to experience the desert in its natural form: quiet, austere, and hauntingly beautiful. The Black Rock Rendezvous, **May 28-29**, is a chance for people to get acquainted with this rare natural gem with those who know it best, the conservation group Friends of Black Rock High Rock. The weekend includes workshops, guided trips, conservation projects, a bicycle race, and kids camp. Participants are asked to be prepared for the Leave No Trace event and bring their own food and water.

blackrockrendezvous.org, 775-557-2900

JUNE

CRESCENT VALLEY FOUNDERS FUN DAY

Like the residents of many small towns across America, Nevadans have a lot of pride in their communities. **Crescent Valley Founders Fun Day, June 11**, is a celebration of Eureka County's second-largest community (the largest is Eureka), established in April 1959. Event highlights include a parade, barbecue, horseshoe competition, and pig chase.

co.eureka.nv.us, 775-468-0326

JUNE

LAMOILLE COUNTRY FAIR

More than 6,000 people and 100 vendors attended the **Lamoille Country Fair** in 2010, and this year's event promises to deliver the same rural charm that drew

them. The fair, **June 26**, takes place in and around Lamoille Grove, the town's amiable central park. Vendors offer items ranging from original artwork, jewelry, and crafts to treats including homemade lemonade. The event, sponsored by the Lamoille Woman's Club, is free and includes a community tractor drive.

lamoillewomensclub.org, 775-385-3502

JUNE & JULY

WINNEMUCCA & ELKO BASQUE FESTIVALS

Northern Nevada is home to the largest population of Basque people in the country. The descendants of early 20th-century sheepherders keep the traditions of the old country alive with events that celebrate the music, culture, athletes, and food of the Old Country. The **Winnemucca**

Basque Festival, **June 11-12**, includes a parade, authentic sheepherder's picnic, and traditional dancing at the town's convention center. The National Basque Festival in **Elko**, **July 1-3**, also includes a parade, food, and folk dancing, as well as traditional Basque tests of strength including wood chopping, weight lifting, and tug-of-war.

winnemucca.com, 800-962-2638
exploreelko.com, 800-248-3556

AUGUST

JARBIDGE DAYS

What the tiny town of **Jarbridge** lacks in size—only about 20 people live there year-round—it more than makes up for with spirited events such as Jarbridge Days, **August 12-14**. The annual celebration of the 102-year-old town's founding includes a craft fair, community yard sale, guided tours, kids activities, live music, a parade, and free food.

jarbridge.org, 877-626-9269 x.650

AUGUST

SPEED WEEK

Speed Week on the Bonneville Salt Flats east of **West Wendover** can satiate any need for speed. The annual event, **August 13-19**, is a celebration of all things fast, from motorcycles and souped-up roadsters to modified big rigs and rockets on wheels. Visitors are welcome to set up day camps (overnight camping is prohibited on the salt) to view the races and can walk through the pits to look at the vehicles and talk to drivers and crewmembers.

scta-bni.org, 559-528-6279

SEPTEMBER

HUMAN-POWERED SPEED CHALLENGE

Nevada is home to an abundance of vehicle races. Fossil fuels power the competitors at events such as Speed Week on the Bonneville Salt Flats and Lund's Nevada Open Road Challenge, but **Battle Mountain's** Human-Powered Speed Challenge relies solely on pedal-power. The event, **September 12-17**, features specially made bikes with aerodynamic shells capable of

reaching speeds in excess of 80 mph on flat State Route 305.

ihpva.org, 707-443-8261

OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN PIG FEED

Another of **Jarbridge's** lively events is the annual Halloween Pig Feed and costume party. Hosted by the Outdoor Inn, the All Hallows' Eve festivities include a pig roast, raffle, bake auction, and costume party on **October 29**.

jarbridge.org, 877-626-9269 x.650

NOVEMBER

CHARLIE NANNINI INVITATIONAL CHARIOT RACES

If the words "chariot races" conjure up images of Roman gladiators, you might want to scale back such impressions when considering the annual Charlie Nannini Invitational Chariot Races in **Wells**. The family-friendly event, **November 19-20**, provides plenty of competition among the 20-30 drivers and horses that include thoroughbreds, quarter horses, and miniature horses.

wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS IN ELKO

December in **Elko** is chock full of holiday cheer, with a list of Christmas-themed events as bountiful as the Marley Family's yuletide feast after Ebenezer Scrooge came to his senses. The Festival of Trees kicks off the celebration **November 28-30**, when groups and individuals decorate trees, wreaths, and other Christmas decorations to be auctioned off to benefit the community. Christmas in the Nighttime Skies, **December 3**, ignites Christmas cheer with a fireworks display set to holiday music, and the 35th annual Nurses Bazaar, **December 3-4**, features handmade crafts.

The Snowflake Festival in downtown **Elko**, **December 10**, features family-friendly activities such as caroling, carriage rides, live entertainment, and Christmas-themed shopping. Finally, Santa at the (Northeastern Nevada) Museum, **December 15-19**, gives children—and

children at heart—a chance to tell St. Nick what they hope to find in their stockings.

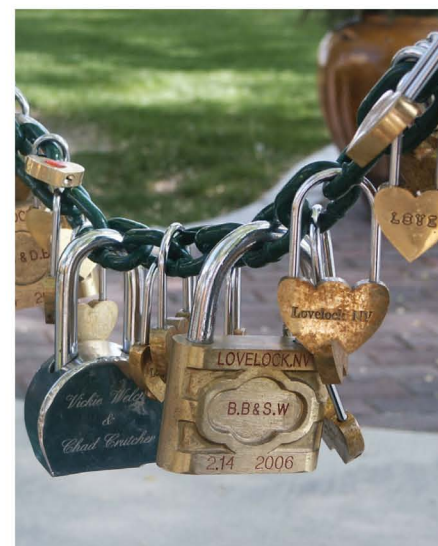
exploreelko.com, 800-248-3556

FEBRUARY 2012

LOCK YOUR LOVE

Borrowing from an ancient Chinese tradition of adorning chains and fences along rural roads with locks symbolizing the eternal unity of people in love, the town of **Lovelock's** Lovers Lock Plaza has attracted thousands of visitors since opening on Valentine's Day 2006. Annually (including next year on **February 14, 2012**), couples flock to the town to symbolically lock their love. Numerous stores throughout the town offer special locks for sale, or visitors are welcome to bring their own.

loverslock.com, 775-273-7213



APRIL 2012

SPRING CREEK RANCH RODEO

One of the Elko area's most attended rodeos, **Spring Creek's** Ranch Rodeo, **April 14-15, 2012**, takes place at northeastern Nevada's most impressive equestrian center. The Spring Creek Horse Palace, opened in 1973, includes a 1,500-seat, 65,000-square-foot indoor arena, lighted outdoor arena, boarding and showing facilities, and a bar and coffee shop. The facility hosts numerous other equine-related events throughout the year, plus the Elko Archery Club.

springcreeknv.net, 775-753-6295



NORTHERN NEVADA

may/june

All listings are in Reno unless otherwise noted. Multiple-day events are listed on the first day. Dates are subject to change. Call or go online to confirm details such as times. "Dark" means the event or show is closed that day(s). For more Northern Nevada happenings, visit nevadamagazine.com. To submit an event or show, e-mail editor@nevadamagazine.com.

(Apr. 28-May 1)
"A Midsummer's Night Dream"

Redfield Proscenium Theatre
unr.edu/nevadarep
775-784-4444

(Apr. 28-May 1)
Nevada Junior Livestock Show

Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
agri.nevada.gov
775-784-6206

(Apr. 29-May 1)
"The Book of Liz"

Brüka Theatre
bruka.org
775-323-3221

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Chihuahua Races

Sparks
Bully's #3
bullyssportsbar.com
775-825-4333

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Cinco de Mayo Festival

Grand Sierra
cincodemayoreno.com
775-856-4888

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Sertoma Chili & Craft Fair

Minden
Carson Valley Inn
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-265-5332

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Stillwater Firearms Association Club Match

Fallon
stillwaterfirearms.org
775-867-2224

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Tanner's Marketplace

Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
visitrenotahoe.com
775-747-0905

(Apr. 30-May 1)
Tournament Charro—Mexican Rodeo

Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

(Apr. 30-May 2)
Western National Angus Futurity

Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
jdaonline.com
916-362-2697

MAY

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SUNDAY

Banner Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser

Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-4556

Cinco de Mayo Events

West Wendover
westwendovercity.com
775-664-3081

Getting the Green—Slot Tournament Series

Harrah's
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

Relay for Life Run for Love

Lovelock
Court House Park (start/finish)
pershingcountynevada.com
775-273-7213

Reno Earth Day

Idlewild Park
nevadaeconet.org
775-323-3433

Rock-n-River Marathon & Half Marathon Festival

e-mail: dmccoy@castlerockmultisports.com

rock-n-riverhalfmarathon.com

(1-8)
Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week

Northern Nevada
livingwithfire.info
775-861-6483

2

Taste of Home Cooking Show

Elko
exploreelko.com
208-420-8371

University Composers' Concert

Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
775-784-4046

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Ke\$ha

Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-501-2651

Lecture: Jerry Aaron & Alf Doten on the Comstock

Gold Hill
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

University Spring Choral Concert

Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
775-784-4046

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Celtic Music Concert

Carson City
Empire Elementary School
visitcarsoncity.com
800-NEVADA-1

(4-8)
American International

Choral Festival

Reno & Lake Tahoe
renochoralfestival.com

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Cinco de Mayo Brewmaster Dinner

Bonanza Casino
bonanzacasino.com
775-323-2724

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremonies

Carson City
Capitol grounds
peaceofficersmuseum.org
775-847-7800

Wind Soloists of New York

Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
775-784-4046

(5-8)

Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival

Genoa
cowboypoetrygenoa.com
775-782-8696

(5-8)

NorCal Miniature Horse Show

Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
norcalminiatures.com
607-868-3938

(5-8)

RSVP Mother's Day Spring Fair

Carson City
Mills Park
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-4680 x.4

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An Evening with The Psychedelic Furs

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Blues Legend Coco Montoya

Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

James Blunt

Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

James D. Hoff Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony

Idlewild Park
peaceofficersmuseum.org
775-847-7800

Joan Jett

West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Lacy J. Dalton: Americana

Eureka
Eureka Opera House
co.eureka.nv.us
775-237-6006

Loretta Lynn

Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

National Public Gardens Day

nationalpublicgardensday.org
310-556-4443

Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars Documentary Film

Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

(6, 15)

"Honk, Jr."

Carson City
Northern Nevada Children's Museum
visitcarsoncity.com
775-887-0438

(6-7)

**Sammy Hagar
& The Wabos**

Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

(6-8)

Reno River Festival

Truckee River Whitewater
Park at Wingfield
renoriverfestival.com
775-788-2131 x.115

(6-8, 13-15)

**"Oklahoma"—
Western Nevada
Musical Theater
Company**

Carson City
Community Center
visitcarsoncity.com
775-445-4249

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SATURDAY

**A.B.A.T.E.—
Blessing of Bikes**

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-744-4570

A Taste of Spring

Virginia City
Fourth Ward School
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

Bella Voce

Trinity Episcopal Church
775-846-4250

Comedy Improv Show

Gold Hill
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

**Elvis Costello &
The Imposters**

Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-501-2651

**National Wild Turkey
Federation Banquet**

Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

Piñatas & Predators

Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

Pink Tea

Carson City
Governor's Mansion
unr.edu/nwhp
775-786-2335

**Reno Philharmonic
Youth Orchestra
Spring Concert**

Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6600

**Ron Carrion
Memorial Shoot**

Eureka
Perdiz Sport Shooting
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

Run Amuck Race

Truckee River Whitewater
Park at Wingfield
renoriverfestival.com
775-788-2131 x.115

**Sierra Leone's
Refugee All-Stars**

Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Sitting Pretty

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-778-0547

Take a Kid Fishing

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-6295

(7-8)

Home & Business Expo

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-7135

(7-8)

Jackpot of Gems

Reno Gem & Mineral
Society show
Reno-Sparks Livestock
Events Center
renorockhounds.com
775-356-8820

**Mad Cow Downhill**

Alpine Meadows
skialpine.com
800-441-4423

Mother's Day Buffet

Gold Hill
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

**Sparks Arts in Bloom
Festival**

Sparks
Victorian Square
cityofsparks.us
775-353-2291

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**143rd Birthday
Celebration**

Lake Mansion
vsanevada.org
775-826-6100 x.3

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**Lecture: Victorian
Ladies, Manners, &
Morals**

Gold Hill
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

Sepultura

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

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**Cami Thompson
Benefit Concert**

Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
775-846-4250

**Ghostland
Observatory**

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

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Rosaline

The Underground
renounderground.com
775-786-2582

(12-13)

**Notes To Our
Children—
A Gathering of Elders**

Yerington
Jeanne Dini Center
yeringtonarts.com
775-463-1783

(12-14)

**CVI Spring Stag
Golf Outing**

Carson Valley
The Golf Club at
Genoa Lakes
carsonvalleyinn.com
775-782-9711

(12-15)

**Nevada Open Road
Challenge**

Ely & Lund
State Route 318

silverstateclassic.com
800-496-9350

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America

West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Bill Engvall

Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

David Allan Coe

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Jackie Greene

Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

Kickoff Party

Virginia City
Fourth Ward School
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

Spring Wine Dinner

Gold Hill
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

**Toni Lowden on
Tapestry Making**

Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

(13-14)

Gallagher

Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(13-14)

**Historic Preservation
Weekend**

Virginia City
Fourth Ward School
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

(13-14)

**Show What Ya Brung
Car Show & Highway
50 Yard Sale**

Eureka
eurekacarshow.com
775-237-5484

(13-15)

Blacksmith Shoe-In

Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

(13-15)

**The Californios Ranch
Roping & Stock Horse
Contest**

Reno-Sparks Livestock
Events Center
thecalifornios.com
530-896-9566

(13-15)

**Nevada PITA
State Shoot**

Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-4556

(13-15)

**Regional Guide
Training**

Tahoe City
Granlibakken Lodge
tahoeimtrail.org
775-298-0232

(13-15)

Reno Rockabilly Riot

Grand Sierra
renorockabillyriot.com
775-750-4665

(13-15)

**Spring Wings
Bird Festival**

Fallon
fallontourism.com
866-432-5566

(13-23)

**Nevada State Poker
Championship**

Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

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SATURDAY

The B-52s

Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

**Car & Tractor Swap
Meet & Car Show**

Minden
Heritage Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-265-0548

Chili on the Comstock

Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

**Chuck Prophet &
The Mission Express**

Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

**Community
Clean Up Day**
Elko

exploreelko.com
775-753-6295

**Comstock Police
Collectors & Restored
Emergency Vehicle
Show**

Virginia City
peaceofficersmuseum.org
775-847-7800

**Eric Burdon &
The Animals**

Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Free Fishing Day
Pyramid Lake

pyramidlake.us
888-225-2668

Merle Haggard

West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Mule Deer Dinner

Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-ELKO

Spring Wings Festival

Nixon
nevadaindianterritory.com
775-687-8333

**Start at the Top—
Legends Ride**

Lake Tahoe
72- or 35-mile bike ride
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

(14-15)

**Cal Nevada
Rock-Crawl**

Virginia City Hills
cal-nevaextreme.com
800-718-7587

(14-15)

Oodles of Noodles

Dayton
daytonnvchamber.org
775-246-7909

(14-15)

**Stillwater Firearms
Association Club
Match**

Fallon
stillwaterfirearms.org
775-867-2224

(14-21)

London Theatre Tour

Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6600

**15
SUNDAY**

Carson River Festival

Dayton
daytonnvchamber.org
775-246-7909

Original Play Reading

Brüka Theatre
bruka.org
775-323-3221

**Sierra Nevada
Children's Choir**

St. John's Presbyterian
Church
775-846-4250

**Zoo Station—
The Complete U2
Experience**

Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

(15-16)

**Amgen Tour of
California—
Lake Tahoe Stage**

South Lake Tahoe to
North Lake Tahoe
amgentourofcalifornia.com

(15-21)

Carlin Clean Up Week

Carlin
exploreelko.com
775-754-6515

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**Traditional
American Music**

Sparks
Sparks Library
nevadabluegrassproject.org
775-348-4692

(17-21)

Festival of Quilts

Fallon
Convention Center
e-mail: nqgwebmistress@
gmail.com
nvquiltguild.org

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The Royal Family Ball

Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

(18-22)

**American Veterans
Traveling Tribute**

Hawthorne
avtt.org
903-561-9888

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**Cari Cunningham
Choreographed Dance**

Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

(19-21)

**Collections Camp:
Costumes & Textiles**

Carson City
Marjorie Russell Clothing
& Textile Research Center
nevadaculture.org
775-687-6173

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**Donald Farnsworth
on Specimens**

Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Eagle Staff Run &
Pyramid Lake War
Memorial**

Nixon
pyramidlake.us
888-225-2668

Little River Band

West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Saddle Up For Kids

Fundraiser for Food
for Thought
Carson City
Governor's Mansion
nvfoodforthought.org
775-883-1011

(20-21)

School Play

Virginia City
Piper's Opera House
pipersoperahouse.com
888-422-1956

(20-22)

**Armed Forces Day
Celebration**

Hawthorne
mineralcountychamber.com
775-945-2507

(20-22)

**High Sierra Coin &
Collectibles Show**

holabirdamericana.com
877-852-8822

(20-22)

**Perdiz Gold Country
Blast**

Eureka
Perdiz Sport Shooting

eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

(20-22)

**Riverdance—
Broadway Comes to
Reno!**

Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6600

(20-22)

**Trail Construction &
Crew Leader
Workshop**

Galena Creek Park
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0232

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SATURDAY

**Adventure Slide Show
at Plaza Bar**

Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
800-403-0206

Armed Forces Day

West Wendover
westwendovercity.com
775-664-3081

**Carlin Senior Center
Yard Sale**

Carlin
exploreelko.com
775-754-6465

**Fat Boy Biking
Poker Run**

Sparks
O'Skis Pub & Grille
(start/finish)
fatboybiking.com

**Great Barns of the
Carson Valley Tour**

Carson Valley
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

**Hurricane's Car Club
Show 'n Shine**

Fallon
Oats Park
hurricamscarclub.com
775-423-3435

**Jennifer Harman
Celebrity Poker
Tournament**

Peppermill
jenniferharmancpt.com
775-689-7114

(21, 28)

Late Night TV Shows

Brüka Theatre
bruka.org
775-323-3221

(21-22)

California Trail Days

Elko
California Trail Historic
Interpretive Center
blm.gov/nv
775-934-2467

(21-22)

Lyon County Fly-In

Silver Springs
Silver Springs Airport
lyoncountyyflyin.com
775-887-1294

**22
SUNDAY**

**Northeast Nevada
Service Center Golf
Scramble**

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-9600

Reno Wind Symphony

Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
775-784-4046

Spring Open House

Galena Creek Park
thegreatbasininstitute.org
775-849-4948

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Fitz & The Tantrums

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

**Waste Land: A Film by
Lucy Walker**

Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Women's Voices from
the Overland Trail**

Carson City
Nevada State Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

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Brad Garrett

Atlantis
atlantiscasino.com
888-551-7007

**"Dancing Through
Time"**

Carson City
Community Center
visitcarsoncity.com
775-88DANCE

Experience Hendrix

Grand Sierra
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April 30 – May 1
Sertoma Chili Cookoff & Craft Fair

May 5 – 8
**Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music
Festival**

May 14
**Car & Tractor Swap Meet and Car
Show**

May 28 – 29
Rappin' To Minden Car Show

June 4 – 5
25th Festival of Arts

June 9 – 12
101st Carson Valley Days Celebration

June 17
Pony Express Re-ride

June 19
Genoa Concert on the Green

June 26
**Tour of the Carson Valley Bike Ride,
Barbecue & Ice Cream Social**

July 4
Pops in The Park

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Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Gabriel Iglesias
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Ricky Scaggs
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(27-28)
Lake Tahoe Summer Kickoff
South Lake Tahoe
goodsamsaferide.com
530-541-7300

(27-29)
Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

(27-30)
Battle Born Car Show
Virginia City
Silverland Inn & Suites
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

(27-30)
Yerington 300 Desert Race
Yerington
vorra.net
877-418-6772

28 SATURDAY

Celebration of Heroes Memorial Day Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

The Moody Blues
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Nevada Northern Railway Open House
Ely
nnry.com
800-496-9350

(28-29)
Black Rock Rendezvous
Black Rock Desert
blackrockdesert.org
775-557-2900

(28-29)
High School Rodeo

Eureka
Eureka County Fairgrounds
eurekacounty.com
775-237-5245

(28-29)
Jarbridge Memorial Celebration
Jarbridge
jarbridge.org
775-448-2311

(28-29)
Rappin' to Minden Car Show
Minden
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-782-2711

(28-29)
Victorian Square Mile
Sparks
Victorian Square
cityofsparks.us
775-742-5340

(28-30)
Bangin' Bones Wild Weekend
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-397-5026

(28-30)
Jam On It Memorial Day AAU Basketball Tournament
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
jamonit.info
775-530-5446

(28-30)
Senior Pro Rodeo
Wells
wellsnevada.com
775-752-3540

(28-30)
Steam Train
Carson City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8393

(28-31)
Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup
Senior Softball USA
Reno/Sparks/Carson City
seniorsoftball.com/
?event=545
916-326-5303

29 SUNDAY

Asian Pacific Crafts
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Carolyn Wonderland
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Club
devildogshows.com

Cheetah 500
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

LeAnn Rimes
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Saigon By Night
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049



Memorial Day at Pyramid Lake
Sutcliffe
pyramidlake.us
888-225-2668

Memorial Day Ceremony
Fernley
Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery
775-575-4441

Veteran Memorial Service
Carlin
Carlin Cemetery
exploreelko.com
775-754-6940

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John Steinbeck at Tahoe: Hatching His First Novel
Tahoe City
terc.ucdavis.edu
775-881-7566

JUNE

1

Tahoe: Beneath the Surface
Lake Tahoe (site TBD)
terc.ucdavis.edu
775-881-7566

(1-3)
National Senior Pro Rodeo
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4091

(1-5)
Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup
Senior Softball USA
Reno/Sparks/Carson City
seniorsoftball.com/
?event=545
916-326-5303

2

Iron & Wine
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

3

Eddie Money
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Eurofest
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUNSTAY

Grand Funk Railroad
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

(3-4)
Over the Edge
Special Olympics Nevada fundraiser
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-501-2651

(3-4)
Reno-Tahoe Odyssey
Relay Run Adventure
renotahoeodyssey.com
775-825-3399

(3-5)
Rod Run & Bike Bash For Cash
North Lake Tahoe
goodsamsaferide.com
530-541-7300

(3-5)
Serendipity! Antique Shows
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
serendipityshows.com
559-485-3354

(3-5)
Street Vibrations Spring Rally
Sparks
Victorian Square
cityofsparks.us
775-329-7469

(3-5)
Street Vibrations Spring Rally
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

(3-5)
Winnemucca Mule Races & Show
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

(3-6)
Patty Sheehan & Friends
Golf tournament
Hidden Valley Country Club
pattysheehanandfriends.com
617-997-6194

4 SATURDAY

Astronomy Viewing
Fort Churchill State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/fc.htm
775-577-2345

June Fun Shoot
Eureka
Perdiz Sport Shooting
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

National Trails Day
Galena Creek Park
thegreatbasininstitute.org
775-849-4948

Pet Wellness & Adoption Festival
Natural Paws
naturalpawsreno.com
877-464-3364

Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Run
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

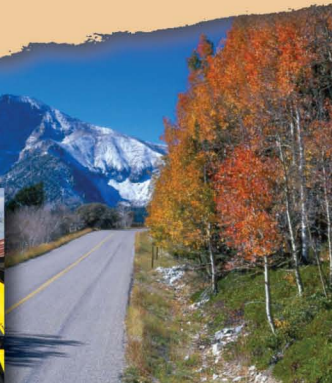
Wolf Howl Night
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

(4-5)
Cache In & Trash Out Event
Fort Churchill State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/fc.htm
775-428-1608


(4-5)
Festival of the Arts
Minden



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Road will be a
little more eventful
this summer.



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FERNLEY

July 9 - 10

American Cancer Society Relay
for Life

August

American Traveling Shows Carnival

September 16 - 18

National Senior Pro Rodeo

For more information, call (775) 575-4459
or visit FernleyChamber.org

DAYTON

May 1 - 31

Nevada State Historic Preservation
Month, DaytonNvHistory.org

May 14 - 15

The 9th Annual Oodles of Noodles

August 27

Dayton Area C.O.C.
Golf Tournament

Call (775) 246-7909 or visit
DaytonNvChamber.org for
more information

FALLON

May 13 - 15

Spring Wings Bird Festival

June 9 - 12

Octane Fest

August 5 - 7

Oasis Stampede & Country Fair

August 27

Fallon Fights

September - October

Lattin Farms Nevada Maze

September 2 - 5

Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival

September 30 - October 2

World Cowboy

Fast Draw Championship

October 15

Tractors & Truffles

For more information,
call (866) 432-5566 or (775) 423-4556
or visit FallonTourism.com

AUSTIN

July 1 - 4

Old Fashioned 4th of July
and Gridley Days

August 6

KVFD Annual Picnic (Kingston)

August 20

Lions Club Fly-In (Austin Airport)

Call (775) 964-2200 or visit
AustinNevada.com for more information

EUREKA

May 13 - 14

4th Annual Show WhatYa Brung Car
Show and Highway 50 Yard Sale

June 24 - 25

Don Edwards Original
Cowboy Music

July 29

The Gillette Brothers: Traditional
Cowboy & Roots Music

For more information, call (775) 237-5484
or visit EurekaCounty.com

ELY

May 13 - 15

Nevada Open Road Challenge
Car Race

May 28 - 30

Nevada Northern Railway
Open House (visit nnry.com
for NN Ry event information)

May 22 - September 25

Saturday Night Special
Dinners aboard the NN Ry

June 11

Fears and Beers Mountain Bike Race
775-289-8877

June 24 - 25

Cocktails & Cannons at Cave Lake

July 4

4th of July Celebration

July 22 - 23

Lund Pioneer Days, 775-289-8877

July 27 - 30

White Pine Senior Games
775-289-8877

August 6 - 7

Arts in the Park

August 12 - 13

White Pine Rodder's Car Show

August 20 - 21

White Pine Horse Races
and County Fair

September 3 - 5

Plein Air Art Show, NN Ry

September 16 - 18

Silver State Classic Challenge
Car Race

Call (800) 496-9350 or visit
ElyNevada.net for more information

GREAT BASIN HERITAGE AREA

June 18

Snake Valley Festival

July 28 - 30

2nd Annual Great Basin National
Park Astronomy Festival

September 3

Snake Valley Reunion

For more information, call (775) 234-7171
or visit GreatBasinHeritage.org

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Pony Express Reenactment, June 8 -18

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Fallon



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(4-5)
Summer Show 'n Shine
Lovelock
lovelockstreetfever.com
775-722-2471

(4-5, 11-12)
Valhalla Renaissance Faire
South Lake Tahoe
Camp Richardson's Wood
valhallatahove.com
530-600-1360

(4-11)
62nd Annual Wagon Train
South Lake Tahoe: June 5
Highway 50 Association
hwy50wagontrain.com

5 SUNDAY

America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride
100-, 72-, or 35-mile ride
Lake Tahoe
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

6

Cakebread Cellars Winemaker Dinner
Bonanza Casino
bonanzacasino.com
775-323-2724

7

Bruno Mars & Janelle Monae
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-501-2651

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(9-10)
Elko Mining Expo
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4091

(9-12)
Carson Valley Days
Carson Valley
carsonvalley2030.org
775-313-6913

(9-12)
Octane Fest
Fallon

fallontourism.com
866-432-5566

(9-12)
Trails West—Applegate Trail Event
Gerlach & Black
Rock Desert
blackrockdesert.org
775-557-2900

10

Larry King
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

(10-11)
Sizzlin' Slot Tournament
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUNSTAY

(10-12)
Carson City Rendezvous
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
800-638-2321

(10-12)
Peppermill 26th Anniversary
West Wendover
westwendovercity.com
775-664-3081

11 SATURDAY

Crescent Valley Founders Fun Day
Crescent Valley
eurekacounty.com
775-468-0326

DBA Sidewalk Sale
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-778-9555

Elvin Bishop
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Fears, Tears, & Beers Mountain Bike Enduro
Ely
greatbasintrails.org
775-289-1800

Kids' Free Fishing Day
Sparks
Sparks Marina
cityofsparks.us
775-353-2385

Lecture: Regionalism & Contemporary Nevada Art
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Nevada Free Fishing Day
Statewide
ndow.org
775-688-1500

(11-12)
South Shore Geocaching Treasure Hunt
South Lake Tahoe
tahoesouth.com
206-856-8491

(11-12)
Winnemucca Basque Festival
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

12 SUNDAY

America & Three Dog Night
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

Pop's Party Concert—Carson City Symphony
Carson City
Governor's Mansion
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-4154

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(15-16)
Young Chautauqua Performances
Genoa
Mormon Station
State Historic Park
775-782-4235
parks.nv.gov/ms.htm

(15-17)
Pony Express Re-Ride—Nevada Portion
June 15: Overland Pass
June 16: Grubb's Well, Railroad Pass, Cold Springs, Sand Springs, & Schurz Highway
June 17: Fort Churchill, Carson City, & Genoa
xphomestation.com
916-332-8382

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An Evening on Pharaoh's Barge
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Fernley Chamber of Commerce Blood Drive
Fernley
775-575-4459

PRCA Xtreme Bulls Tour
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
xtremebulls.com
775-329-3877

Science of Winemaking Lecture
Lake Tahoe (site TBD)
terc.ucdavis.edu
775-881-7566

(16-19)
NadaDada Motel
Art event
nadadadadong.net
facebook.com/nadadadamotel

(16-19)
Nevada State High School Rodeo
Elko
Elko County Fair Grounds
exploreelko.com
775-385-5374

(16-19)
Reno Film Festival
renofilmfestival.com
775-334-6707

(16-25)
Reno Rodeo
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
renorodeo.com
800-225-2277

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Movies in the Park
Gardnerville
mainstreetgardnerville.org
775-782-8027

Pyramid Party
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Rick Springfield
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

(17-18)
Nevada State Fiddle Contest
Wells
wellsnevada.com
775-752-3540

(17-19)
Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4091

(17-19)
High Roller Show
Yerington
e-mail: fun@DLCpoker.com
775-781-5780

(17-19)
Mudroc (Rocketry)
Black Rock Desert
aeropac.org
775-557-2900

(17-19)
Nevada SCTP Youth Shoot
Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-4556

(17-19)
Snake Valley Festival
Baker
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

(17-19)
Spectre 341 Challenge: Return to the Hill
Virginia City
State Route 341
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

(17-19)
Stewart Father's Day Powwow
Carson City
Stewart Indian School
stewartindianschool.com
775-687-8333

(17-19)
Wendover Cruise-In Car Show
West Wendover
westwendovercity.com
775-664-3081

18 SATURDAY

Egyptian Birthday Bazaar
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333



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Oats Park Art Center
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775-423-1440

Purple Haze

Knitting Factory
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775-323-5648

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Bonanza Casino
bonanzacasino.com
775-323-2724

Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers Living History Day

Genoa
Mormon Station
State Historic Park
775-782-2590
parks.nv.gov/ms.htm

(18-19)

Eureka Gymkhana

Eureka
Eureka County
Fairgrounds
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7161

(18-19)

Nevada Bowhunter's Jamboree

Eureka
Perdiz Sport Shooting
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

(18-20)

POW/MIA Motorcycle Rodeo

Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-ELKO



Concert on the Green

Genoa
Town Park
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Dash 4 Dads Cheetah Chase

Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

Snowshoe Thompson Celebration

Genoa
Mormon Station
State Historic Park
snowshoethompson.org
775-315-7777

(19-25)

ATV Jamboree

Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4091

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Richard Elloyan

Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

23

Long Beard: Warren Wasson, Indian Agent

Carson City
Nevada State Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8393

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Brett Dennen

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Travis Tritt

West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

(24-25)

Cocktails & Cannons

Cave Lake State Park
elynevada.net
800-496-9350

(24-25)

Don Edwards Original Cowboy Music

Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-5484

(24-25)

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, & Blues Festival

eldoradoreno.com
775-786-5700

(24-26)

Chasing the Cure— 3D Barrel Racing

Cancer fundraiser
Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

(24-26)

Duckwater Spring Festival

Duckwater Indian
Reservation
775-863-0222

(24-26)

Nevada Trophy 2011 Navigation-skills competition

Northern Nevada
offroadexperience.com
925-606-8301

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SATURDAY

Battle of the Boggers— Battle Mountain Motocross

Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

Great American Campout

Pyramid Lake
pyramidlake.us
775-574-1000

Great Humboldt Duck Race VI

Elko
Northeastern Nevada
Museum
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

Pet Festival & Parade

Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

Rotary Benefit Golf Classic

Fernley
Golf Club of Fernley
775-980-9196

Stillwater Firearms Association Club Match

Fallon
stillwaterfirearms.org
775-867-2224

Wendover Air Show

West Wendover
westwendovercity.com
435-665-2308

(25-27)

Sheldon Rendezvous Sheldon National

Wildlife Refuge
nevadawilderness.org
775-324-7667

26
SUNDAY

Bicycle Tour of the Carson Valley— Barbecue & Ice Cream Social

Genoa
Mormon Station
State Historic Park
(start/finish)
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

Don Williams

Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

Lamoille Country Fair

Lamoille
exploreelko.com
775-777-1108

Tech N9ne

Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(26-30)

Nevada Humanities Chautauqua 20th-Anniversary Celebration

Bartley Ranch
Regional Park
nevadahumanities.org
775-784-6587

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(27-30)

Veteran Entrepreneur Training Symposium

Reno Ballroom
& Events Center
veterantraining
symposium.com
571-297-4039

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(June 30-July 4)

Cribbage Tournament

Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUNSTAY

FARMERS' MARKETS

Carson City

Mills Park
Wed., June 8-Aug. 24
775-746-5024
3rd & Curry St.
Sat., June 11-Sept. 17
775-882-6741

Dayton

Community Roots
Nursery
Thurs., June 16-Sept.
775-250-7884

Fallon

Maine St.
Sat., June 11-Sept. 3
775-423-1100

Gardnerville

Lampe Park
Wed., June 1-Sept. 14
775-782-9828

Reno

California &
Booth Streets
Sat., June 4-Oct. 1
775-746-5024

The Grove at
South Creek
Sun., June 5-Sept. 4
775-329-5181

Shoppers Square
Tues., June 7-Oct. 5
775-746-5024

Tamarack Junction
Fri., June 10-Oct. 7
775-746-5024

Sierra Summit
Shopping Center
Sat., June 11-Sept. 10
775-746-5024

West Street
Sun., June 12-Sept. 11
775-746-5024

Somerset Town Square
Wed., June 15-Aug. 24
775-787-4500 x.311

Silver Springs

Custom Gardens Farm
Sun., June 12-Oct.
(& by appt.)
775-577-2069

Sparks

Sparks Hometowne
Thurs., June 9-Aug. 18
(dark Aug. 11)
775-353-2291

Virginia City

Miner's Park
Thurs., June 9-Oct. 13
775-847-9533

Elko, Nevada

Discover the Historic West!

June 1 - 3, 2011 - National Senior Pro Rodeo

June 9 - 10, 2011 - 26th Annual Elko Mining Expo

June 17 - 19, 2011 - Elko Motorcycle Jamboree

June 19 - 25, 2011 - ATV Jamboree

July 1 - 3, 2011 - Elko Basque Festival

July 7 - 9, 2011 - Silver State Stampede



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Winnemucca

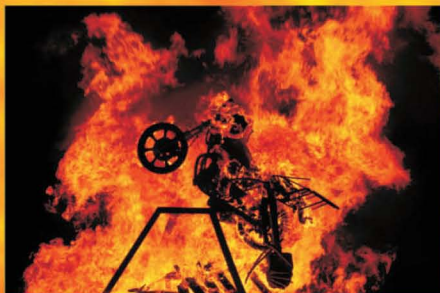
There's More Than Meets the Eye...



Run-A-Mucca

Motorcycle Rally

May 27-29, 2011



Michelle Hammond Urain

www.Winnemucca.com
or call 1-800-962-2638

Upcoming Events

Tournament Charro ~ Mexican Rodeo
April 30 - May 1, 2011

Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally
May 27-29, 2011

Winnemucca Mule Races and Show
June 3-5, 2011

Winnemucca Basque Festival
June 11-12, 2011

Fifties Fever
August 5-7, 2011

★ ONGOING

**A Tribe of Artists:
Costumes & Culture
At Burning Man**

Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru May 20
775-738-7508
Lovelock
Pershing County Library
May 30-July 22
775-273-2216
nac.nevadaculture.org

Astronomy Program
Great Basin National Park
May 28-29, June 1, 4,
8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29
nps.gov/grba
775-234-7331

**Battle Mountain
Raceway**

Battle Mountain
May 6-7, June 4, 15-16
bmraceway.com
775-635-1112

Ben Parks Sculptures

Carson City
LXS Gallery
May 16-June 3
nevadaculture.org
775-687-6680

**Bethany Owen:
One Voice**

Stateline
Horizon
5 nights/week
ticketmaster.com
775-588-6211

**Bill Harrah 1911-78:
Legendary Collector**

National Automobile
Museum
Thru Dec. 31
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

"Bounce"

Circus Circus
Dark Sun. & Mon.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

**Catch a Rising Star
Comedy Club**

Silver Legacy
Dark Mon.
silverlegacy.com
800-687-8733

**Dangberg Home
Ranch Historic Park
Guided Tours**

Minden
Sat. & Sun.

parks.nv.gov/hr.htm
775-783-9417

Dial "M" for Murder

GLM Theater
May 20-21, 27-28
June 3-4, 10-12
goodluckmacbeth.org
775-322-3716

Diana Mine Tour

Berlin-Ichthyosaur
State Park
Fri.-Sun., May 1-Sept. 30
parks.nv.gov/bi.htm
775-964-2440

Downtown Wine Walk

Carson City
Second Sat. of the month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Dragons & Dinosaurs

Wilbur D. May Museum
Thru June 12
maycenter.com

Fossil Shelter Tour

Berlin-Ichthyosaur
State Park
Memorial Day
to Labor Day
parks.nv.gov/bi.htm
775-964-2440

Ghost Walking Tour

Carson City
Historic District
Last Sat. of the month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

The Great American

Trailer Park Musical
Brüka Theatre
May 14-16, 20-22, 27-29
June 3-5, 10-13, 17-19
bruka.org
775-323-3221

Hidden Cave Tours

Fallon
Churchill County
Museum (round trip)
Second & fourth
Sat. of the month
ccmuseum.org
775-423-3677

Historical Lecture

Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum
Second Thurs.
of the month
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

"Illuminaire"

Eldorado

Thru July 24
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

**Imperial Acrobats
of China**

Circus Circus
Dark Wed.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

The Improv

Harveys
Dark Mon. & Tues.
harveystahoe.com
800-786-8208

JR Johns

Pet show
Circus Circus
Dark Tues. & Thurs.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

Lehman Caves Tour

Great Basin National Park
Daily
nps.gov/grba
775-234-7331

Lovelock Speedway

Lovelock
May 14, June 11-12, 18
lovelockspeedway.com
775-442-0730

Motor Car Train Rides

Carson City
Nevada State
Railroad Museum
Sat. & Sun.
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8393

**Nevada: The Photogra-
phy of Cliff Segerblom**

Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Thru Aug. 2
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

**Nevada Northern
Railway Train Rides**

Ely
Daily
nnry.com
866-407-8326

**Piano Men: A Tribute
to the Songs of Billy
Joel & Elton John**

Harrah's
Thru June 26
harrahsreno.com
800-HARRAHS

**Places, People, &
Events**

Artists Co-op Gallery
May 1-31
artistsco-
opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Rattlesnake Raceway

Fallon
May 7, 28
June 9-10, 11, 25
rattlesnakeraceway.net
775-287-5826

Renaissance Village

Ely
Sat., June 4-Sept. 24
elyrenaissance.com
800-496-9350

Reno Aces

Triple-A Baseball
Aces Ballpark
(home dates only)
May 1, 10-17, 27-30
June 4-7, 13-16, 21-24, 30
renoaces.com
775-334-4700

Reno Beer Crawl

Fourth Sat.
renobeercrawl.com
775-996-1811

**Riverwalk District
Art Walk**

First Thurs. of the month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

**Riverwalk District
Wine Walk**

Third Sat. of the month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

**Sarah Sweetwater—
Images of Ghana**

Elko
Northeastern
Nevada Museum
May 8-Aug. 9
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

**Selections from
Sierra—Great Basin
Collection**

Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
June 4-Aug. 19
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Tahoe Comedy North

Pioneer
Underground
Fri. & Sat.
tahoecomedynorth.com
530-546-5880

**Thirsty Third
Thursday Wine Walk**

Gardnerville
mainstreetgardnerville.org
775-782-8027

**To Live Forever:
Egyptian Treasures
from the Brooklyn
Museum**

Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Sept. 4
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Top Gun Raceway

Fallon
May 1, 21-22
June 3-5, 10-12, 24-25
topgunraceway.com
775-423-0223

**USBC Open
Championships**

National Bowling
Stadium
Thru July 2
visitrenotahoe.com
800-FOR-RENO

**Virginia & Truckee
Railroad**

Carson City/Gold
Hill/Virginia City
Sisters in History Route:
Fri.-Sun., May 28-Oct. 31
Historic Route: Daily,
May 28-Oct. 31
virginiatruckee.com
775-847-0380

**What Continues the
Dream: Contemporary
Arts & Crafts From
the Powwow Tradition**

Fallon
Churchill County
Museum
Thru May 17
775-738-3418
Nixon
Pyramid Lake
Paiute Museum
May 25-July 20
775-574-1088
nac.nevadaculture.org

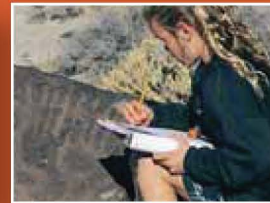


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Eventful Nevada



NEVADA'S YELLOW SEA

"I love the mule's ear that bloom in the high valleys during summer," says Spring Creek photographer Jodi Esplin. "The sea of yellow often extends as far as the eye can see." Esplin caught this bouquet near Columbia Creek, about 70 miles north of Elko off State Route 226. June and July are typically the best months to see mule's ear blossom across Northern Nevada's high country.

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PHOTO BY JODI ESPLIN

Great Nevada Picture Hunt

34TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

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2011 CATEGORIES (8)

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RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY Northwestern Nevada

COWBOY COUNTRY Northeastern Nevada

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY Northcentral Nevada

NEVADA SILVER TRAILS Central Nevada

INDIAN TERRITORY Statewide

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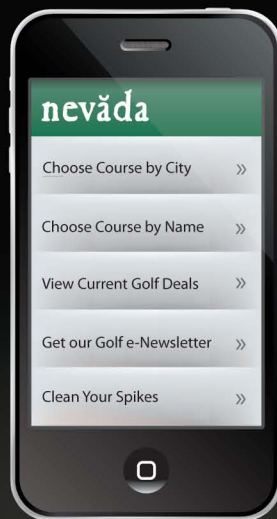
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